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Record of Acts & Proceedings of the Executive Department of Wisconsin Territory

1836
to
1848

On the 4th day of July 1836 at the Town of Mineral Point Iowa County Wisconsin Territory (a time and place designated by his Excellency Henry Dodge Governor of Wisconsin Territory)

John S. Horner exhibited to Robert Dougherty a Justice of the Peace for said County a Commission in the words following: to wit:

Andrew Jackson

President of the United States of America

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting;

Know ye. That reposing special Trust and confidence in the Integrity diligence and ability of John S. Horner I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate do appoint him Secretary in and for the Territory of Wisconsin and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to Law, and to Have and to Hold the said Office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto him, the said John S. Horner, for the term of four years from the third day of July next, unless the President of the United States for the time being should be sooner to revoke and determine this Commission

In Testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six and of the Independence of the United States of America the sixtieth.

L.S.

Andrew Jackson

By the President.

John Forsyth Secretary of State

Upon which the oaths of fidelity and of Office were administered as is certified by the aforesaid Dougherty in the words following, to wit:

Wisconsin Territory to wit:

This is to certify that I Robert Dougherty a Justice of the Peace for the County of Iowa have this day administered the oath of Office to John S. Horner

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Secretary of Wisconsin Territory also the Oath of Fidelity to support the Constitution of the United States

Given under my hand and Seal this 4th day of July 1836

Robert Dougherty
Justice of the Peace
for the County of Iowa Territory
of Michigan

Therefore, in accordance with the Official Documents hereto fore recorded, John S. Horner entered on the duties of the Office of Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin, on the 4th day of July. 1836.

On the same day and at the same place His Excellency Henry Dodge exhibited unto the afore said Robert Dougherty a Commission in the following words, to wit:

Andrew Jackson,

President of the United States of America

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know Ye, That reposing special Trust and confidence in the Integrity, Diligence and Ability of Henry Dodge, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to Law, and to have and to hold the said Office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto him. The said Henry Dodge for the term of three years, from the 3d day of July next, unless the President of the United States for the time being should be pleased sooner to revoke and determine this Commission

In Testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand, at the City of Washington the thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, and of the Independence

L.S.

of the United States of America, the
sixtieth

Andrew Jackson

By the President

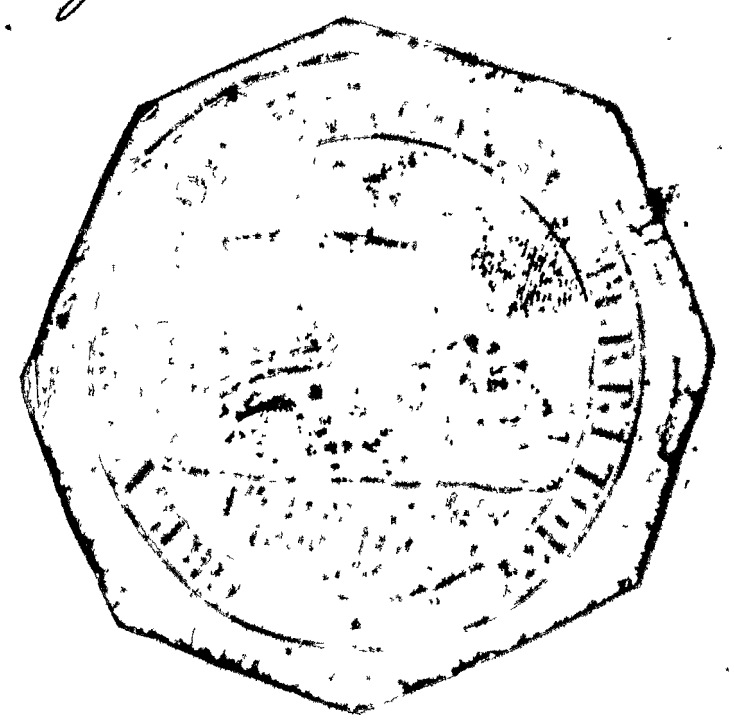
John Forsyth Secretary of State

Union which the oaths of fidelity and of Office were administered as is certified in the words following to wit:

Territory of Michigan } This is to certify that on this 4th
Iowa County } day of July 1836 I Robert Dougherty
a Justice of the Peace for the Terri
tory of Michigan have this day
administered the Oath of Office to His Excellency Henry
Dodge as also the oath of Fidelity to support the
Constitution of the United States and I do certify the
same to John S. Homer the Secretary of the Territory
to be received and recorded by the said Secretary among
the Executive proceedings of the Territory of Wisconsin

Given under my hand and Seal this
4th day of July 1836
Robert Dougherty
Justice Peace
County of Iowa & Territory
Michigan

John S. Homer Secretary of the Territory upon consultation
with his Excellency Henry Dodge devised and
engraved the annexed Seal
as the Great Seal of
Wisconsin Territory em-
blematic of the Mineral
resources of Wisconsin.
Price forty dollars.



On the 8th day of July 1836 at Elk Grove
His Excellency Henry Dodge re-commissioned the
following persons as Justices of the Peace for
Wisconsin Territory

For Iowa County

James Gilmore Esq
Thomas S. Potts Esq
Milton Burns Esq
Thomas Nugent Esq
William Vineyard Esq
William Boyles Esq
Joseph R. Berry Esq
Iza Lamb Esq
Robert Dougherty Esq
Jonathan Armstead Esq
Benjamin Funk Esq
Ephraim Ogden Esq
James Durley Esq
Frederick Hollman Esq
James T. Brown Esq
Daniel Richards Esq
Ebenezer M. Owen Esq
James Boyce Esq
Thomas S Parish Esq
Orrin Mc Cartney Esq
Justus De Selkhorst Esq
John W. Blackstone Esq.
Richard Stevenson Esq
Ebenezer Brigham Esq
John Messersmith Esq
Glendower M. Price Esq
Hugh R. Goulter Esq
John P. Sheldon Esq

Commissioned 18th July 1836

Commissioned 19th July 1836

Commissioned until the Close of the first
Legislative Council —

Sheriff for the County of Iowa Justus De Selkhost Esq
Appointed 18th July 1836

Auctioners.

For the County of Iowa. appointed by
His Excellency Henry Dodge on the 8th day of July
John F Gneall Esq.
Levi Sterling Esq.

On the 8th day of July 1836 His Excellency Henry D[illegible] Commissioned Ira Lamb Esq as Judge of Probate and John Luffborough Esq as Register of Probate for Dubuque County)

For Dubuque County

Henry F. Landor
Thomas Reid Esq
David Dyas Esq
Presley Samuel Esq
Ezekiel Mitchell Esq
Patrick Quigley
William W Wayman Esq
Benjamin F. Baker Esq
Warner Lewis Esq
Butler B. Bushey Esq
Ira Williams Esq
Edward White Esq
John Sherman Esq

} Justices of the Peace

Sheriff for the County of Dubuque Geo. W. Cummings

Commissioned on the 8th Day of July 1836—

Auditors

For the County of Dubuque—

William Bull Esq
James Marsten Esq
Hiram Loomis Esq
John C. Graham Esq

} Commissioned 8th July 1836
} Commissioned 8th July 1836

On the 6th day of July 1836 His Excellency Henry Dodge Commissioned
Ezekiel Lockwood Esq Judge of Probate } For Dubuque County
Warner Lewis Esq Register of Probate }
Milo H. Prentiss Notary Public

Commissioned until the close of the first Legislative Council

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For Desmoine County

William Buchanan Evan T. Lamb
Ira Cook Esq
Antoine Leclaire Esq
Henry Bateman Esq
Samuel C. Reed Esq
Wm. R. Ross Esq
George H Beeler Esq
Theophilus Bullard Esq
John Baker Esq
Samuel Carman Esq
Joseph Edwards Esq
Evan T. Lindell Esq
Joseph Edwards Esq
Wm. Turner James Davison } Justices of the Peace

Sheriff
Solomon Pertain Esq

John Gaines Charles Jeas Purnell Peach James W. Casey
Commissioned Justices of the Peace 8th July 1836

Auctioners

Joseph C. Smith Esq

Notary Public
John M. Forest Esq

Judge of Probate
John Whittlcar Esq

Commissioned by His Excellency Henry Dodge until the close of the first Legislature Council.

For Brown County

Daniel Bushnell Esq
John Mc Carty Esq
Robert Fowler Esq
John P. Arndt Esq
Lewis Grignon Esq
H.P. Helso Esq
Alexander S. Irwin Esq
Morgan L. Martin Esq
Joseph Dickerson Esq
Henry L. Baird Esq
Robert A. Mc Cabe Esq
Samuel Ryan, Robt D Stewart Esq
Charles C.P. Arndt

} Justices of the Peace

Commissioned Notary Public 31st July 1836

Sheriff

Ebenezer Childs

Auctioners

A. G. Ellis Esq
Charles Baird Esq

Judge of Probate

Charles Dickerson Esq

Notary Publics

Henry S. Baird James D. Doty } Commissioned 31st July
William Long Samuel Ryan } 1836

Commissioned by His Excellency Henry Dodge on the 31st day of July 1836 until the close of the first Legislative Council.

For Milwaukie County

Henry M. Hubbard commissioned Sheriff, Aug 2d, 1836
Nathaniel F. Hyer " Judge of Probate same date
Nathaniel F. Hyer Justice of the Peace " "
Sylvester W. Dunbar " " " " "
William Hunkey. Deceased
Barzillai Douglas Auctioneer " "
C. D. Gets } Justices of the Peace
Cyrus Hawley Deceased
William N. Gardner Auctioneer " "
Joshua Hathaway Notary Public
Daniel Wells Jr Notary Public
District Surveyor
Justice of the Peace

Sheriff

Notary Public

George Reed Esq

District Surveyor

Joshua Hathaway

Commissioned by His Excellency Henry Dodge on the 8th Day of July 1836 until the close of the first Legislative Council.

For Crawford County

James H Lockwood Esq
Joseph Bristbois Esq
Thomas B. Street Esq
Joseph Rolette Esq
Hercules L. Dousman Esq

} Justices of the Peace

William Wilson Commissioned Sheriff Aug — 1836

Sheriff

Bernard W. Bristbois Esq

Notary Public

Judge of Probate

Auctioneer

John Bruncll

Commissioned by His Excellency Henry Dodge on the 8th day of July 1836 until the close of the first Legislative Council.

On the 13th day of July 1836 His Excellency Henry Dodge delivered to the Secretary, for Record as his Official Act the following

Circular

Elk Grove Iowa County
July 13th 1836

Executive Department

Sir,

Under the organic Law of Congress establishing the Territorial Government of Wisconsin, approved the 20th of April 1836 by the 4th Section of that Law it is made the duty of the Governor of the Territory to cause the Census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the several Counties in the Territory to be taken by the Sheriff of the Counties respectively and returns made by the said Sheriff to the Governor.

You will in conformity with the provisions of said Law proceed to take the Census or enumeration of the inhabitants of your County and you will appoint an assistant or assistants should it be necessary to assist you in the duties required of you and before the commencement of your duties By yourself or Assistants you and each of them will be duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace according to the existing Laws of Michigan for the faithful performance of the duties required of you By Law in taking the Census or enumeration of the inhabitants in your County as the Law requires the Governor in the first instance shall apportion the representation according to the ratio of the population (Indians excepted) as nearly as may be And as the qualified voters of the Territory are declared to be every free white Citizen of the United States above the age of twenty one years who was an inhabitant of the Territory on the 4th Inst. you are hereby required that you cause the number of the inhabitants of your County (Indians excepted) to be taken as follows, the said enumeration shall distinguish the sexes of all free white persons under the age of twenty one years and those that are above that age within your County on the 4th of July inst. that you take such a enumeration by an actual enquiry at every dwelling House or by personal enquiry of the head of every family or of the person so enumerated and that you will designate such free white Males and Females in distinct columns showing the number of each with the aggregate number of the whole Your return will be made

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this Executive Office on or before the 25th of August next

H. Dodge

Certificates of Oaths of Office

Wisconsin Territory, to wit:

This is to certify that I, John S. Horner as Secretary of the aforesaid Territory, have this day administered an oath of Office and an Oath of Fidelity to support the Constitution of the United States to the Hon^ble William C. Fraser a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Wisconsin. The said Frazer having produced to me a Commission as Judge of the Supreme Court aforesaid from His Excellency the President of the United States.

Given under my hand this 13th. day of July 1836

John S. Horner
Secy. of Wisconsin Territory

Territory of Wisconsin
Dubuque County } ss

I, William W. Chapman late Commissioned Attorney of the United States for the Territory of Wisconsin do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and that I will faithfully discharge and perform the duties of said Office according to the best of my skill and judgement so help me God -

(signed) W. W. Chapman

Sworn and subscribed to before this day of 1836
Warner Lewis J. P.

Territory of Wisconsin
Iowa County } ss

This is to certify that S. as an acting Justice of the Peace, have this 21st day of July 1836, administered an Oath of Office to

to this M.r Carney of Grant Township Iowa Co.
Wisconsin Territory, as Justice of the Peace of Iowa County
and likewise an Oath for the Fidelity to the Constitution
of the United States.

Given under my hand
Frederick A. Hollman J.P.
Iowa County.

Wisconsin Territory }
Iowa County } ss

This is to certify, that I, as an acting
Justice of the Peace for said County have this 22.d day
of July 1836 administered an Oath of Office to William B
Vineyard Esq as a Justice of the Peace of Iowa County
and likewise an Oath that he will support the Con-
stitution of the United States

Given under my hand this 22.d of July 1836
Frederick A. Hollman J.P.

Wisconsin Territory }
Iowa County } ss

This is to certify that as the Secretary of
the Wisconsin Territory I have this 18th. day of July 1836
administered an Oath of Office unto Frederick A. Holl
man Esq a Justice of the Peace of Iowa County and also
an Oath of fidelity to the Constitution of the United States.

Given under my hand this
the year and day aforesaid
John S. Horner

Wisconsin Territory }
Crawford County } ss

This is to certify that I Frederick Holl
man Justice of the Peace for Iowa County, authorized by the Executive
Office to administer Oaths of Office in Crawford County have
this 20th day of July administered an Oath of Office to Thomas
P. Sheet Esq at Prairie du Chien as Justice of the Peace
in and for said County and likewise an Oath for his support
of the Constitution of the United States

Given under my hand
Frederick A. Hollman J.P.

Wisconsin Territory To wit:

This is to certify that this 18th day of July 1836, I have administered an Oath of Office to Austus De Selhorst as Sheriff of the County of Iowa Wisconsin Territory - also an Oath of Fidelity to support the Constitution of the United States.

Witness my hand this the day & year aforesaid at Elk Grove

I Lucius S. Horner
Sec'y of Wisconsin Territory

Resignation

On the 23d day of July 1836 the Resignation of Bernard W. Brisbois as the Sheriff of the County of Crawford was filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Territory.

Certificate of Oath of Office of Charles Dunn Chief Justice of Wisconsin Territory -

Territory of Wisconsin
Du Buque County } ss

This 16th Day of August 1836, personally appeared before me, Warner Lewis, an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County of Du Buque in the Territory of Wisconsin Charles Dunn, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in & for the said Territory of Wisconsin & made oath that he would as such Chief Justice, well & truly support the Constitution of the United States; & that he would well, truly, faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of the Office of Chief Justice as aforesaid with the best of his skill & abilities according to law

Charles Dunn

Subscribed & sworn to before me this said 16th day of Aug. A.D. 1836

Warner Lewis Justice of the Peace
Du Buque C.J.

Certificate of Oath of Office of David Irwin Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Wisconsin—

I David Irwin Associate Judge of the Supreme Court in & for the Territory of Wisconsin, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, & faithfully discharge the duties of the Office according to the best of my abilities, So help me God

D Irwin

Sworn to & subscribed
before me at Green Bay
Brown County Wisconsin Territory
Sept. 8th 1836
H Dodge Gov.
of the Territory of Wisconsin

Delivered to the Sec'y of the Territory 8th Nov. 1836

Proclamation — declaring apportionment of Members to the Council & House of Representatives — time, places & manner of conducting elections & time & place of convening Legislature—

Proclamation

Executive Department
for the Territory of Wisconsin } ss

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know ye, that I, Henry Dodge, Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, by virtue of the power in me vested by the act of Congress passed on the 20th day of April 1836, for the organization of the said Territory of Wisconsin Having caused the Census of the said Territory to be taken according to the provisions of said act. Therefore, I do hereby proclaim & declare that I have apportioned the Members of the Council & House of Representatives amongst the several Counties of said Territory, as follows to wit:

To the County of Desmoine seven members of the House of Representatives & three members of the Council:

To the County of Iowa six Members of the House of Representatives & three Members of the Council:

To the County of Du Buque five Members of the House of Representatives & three Members of the Council:

To the County of Brown three members of the House of Representatives & two Members of the Council

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To the County of Nebraumbee Three Members of the House of Representatives & Two members of the Council & to the County of Crawford, Two Members of the House of Representatives

And, I do further order & direct that the first election for the said Members of the House of Representatives & Council shall be held on the 2d Monday of Oct next ensuing. & that the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the said Territory shall within their respective Counties give at least ten days previous notice of the holding of said elections by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in each of said Counties, if any there be; or by putting up at least five written or printed notices in each & every precinct hereinafter established in each of said Counties.

And it is also further ordered that for the more orderly conducting of said election, the Electors present on the day & at the place of Election, may elect any three persons (who shall be voters) to preside at & conduct said election & in the absence of a Justice of the Peace or other Officer authorised to administer Oaths they, the said Inspectors, are hereby authorised to administer to each other the usual oath of Inspectors of Election — & the said Inspectors, shall appoint one or more competent clerks of said Election; who shall keep a correct poll list of the voters at said Election.

And, it is further directed that the poll list of said elections shall be (within three days thereafter) certified & sent by said Inspectors to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, that the said poll books and returns shall also be certified & sent by the said Sheriffs (within six days after their receipt by the Sheriffs) to the Governor of said Territory at Belmont Sowa County — that the person or persons having the greatest number of Votes for the said Council & House of Representatives, equal to the number to which each County may be entitled, shall be duly elected, & a Certificate to that effect shall be given by the Sheriffs of the several Counties to the Members elect — & in case of there being a tie between two or more persons, such fact shall be stated by said Sheriffs.

And, I do further order & direct that the Members elected from the several Counties for Representatives & Council shall convene at Belmont, in the County of Sowa on the 25th day of Oct.r next ensuing, for the purpose of organizing the first Session of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory.

And I do also direct & appoint that at the same time & places above specified for electing the members of said Legislature there shall be elected by the several voters of the several Counties, one Delegate

to the Congress of the United States, for the term of two years agreeably to the fourteenth section of the Act of Congress, & that the election for said Delegate shall be conducted, & the return made in the same manner, as near as may be the as is prescribed for the election of said Members of the Legislature.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this ninth day of Sept.r A. D. 1836

H. Dodge (Seal)

Census Returns

Executive Department for the Territory of Wisconsin
Sept.r 9.th 1836

Return of the different Sheriffs of the Census or enumeration of the Inhabitants of the Territory of Wisconsin.

		Pop.n	Rep.ves	Council
Des Moines County		6257	7	3
Iowa County		5234	6	3
Du Buque "		4274	5	3
Crawford "		850	2	0
Brown "		2,706	3	2
Milwaukee "	11,663	2.893	3	2
		22,214	26	13

H Dodge.

Delivered to the Secretary of the Territory 8th Nov.r 1836

Summary of Votes
polled at Election of 10th Oct 1836

Summary of Votes polled in the several precincts of the Counties of the Territory of Wisconsin, at the election held on the 10th day of October 1836 - taken from the original poll lists, furnished by the Sheriffs of the different Counties, as certified by them & now on file in the Executive Department of this Territory

In the County of Brown

Green Bay Township	118
Howard	32
Mason	34
Sheboygan Precinct	36
Farnsworth & Bousk's Mill	15
Little Butte de Mort	9
Manotowoc Precinct	20
Portage of Wisconsin & Fox River	61
	325

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In the County of Milwaukee		
Milwaukee precinct	449	
Pike River	108	
Long River	60	
Moses Smith on Fox River	36	
Aspen Fox River	13	
Racine	92	
Rock River	23	781
In the County of Crawford		
Prairie du Chien		68
In the County of Iowa		
Oak Grove Precinct	28	
Van Buren	9	
Diamond Grove	35	
New Diggings	7	
Mineville	90	
White Oak Springs	106	
Hamiltons settlement	64	
Hard Scrabble	48	
Wingville	5	
Gratiots Grove	43	
Mineral Point	226	
Menominee	24	
New Mexico	37	
Capsville	150	
Paris	12	
Belmont	76	
Bois Prairie	18	
Dodgeville	90	1288
In the County of Du Buque		
Du Buque	621	
Bozbys Ferry	15	
Prairie Le Port	20	
Le Clares	66	
Peru	50	
Turkey River	31	
Cedar River	40	
Higginsport	11	
Patchwarks	23	
New York	17	
Bellevue	61	
Head of Catfish	8	
Durango	68	1031
In the County of Desmoines		
Mount Pleasant	109	
Burlington	259	
Bloomington	8	

		Brought over	3.493
Blomington upper	12		
Benjamin Ryes	11		
Black Hawk Town	30		
Head of the Rapids	11		
West Point	60		
Aaron Streets	18		
Augusta	74		
Rockingham	68		
Keokuk	12		
Farmington	34		
Franklin	17		
Iowa Town	15		
Bentons Port	29		
Madison	101		
Richards	15		
			883
		Total	4.376

H Dodge

Proclamation

Declaring Election of George W. Jones Esq a Delegate to Congress

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know ye, That I Henry Dodge, Governor of the Tenitory of Wisconsin, in conformity with the organic law of Congress establishing this Tenitorial Government, approved on the 20th April 1836, have caused elections to be holden in the several Counties in this Tenitory for a Delegate to ~~Congress~~ the House of Representatives of the United States, to serve for the term of two years; & I hereby declare & make known that George W. Jones Esq has been duly elected a Delegate as aforesaid agreable to the 14th Section of said organic Law

Given under my hand & seal at Belmont this 1st November 1836

H Dodge (Seal)

Certificate

To Delegate to Congress

Executive Department Wisconsin Tenitory Nov 1st 1836

I, Henry Dodge, Governor of the Tenitory of Wisconsin do hereby certify, that, in conformity with the Organic Law of Congress passed April 20th 1836 & agreable to the 14th Se

Y said Act of Congress I have caused Elections to be holden in the several Counties in this Territory for a Delegate to the Congress of the United States, to serve for the term of two years; & hereby declare & make known that George W. Jones Esq has been duly elected a Delegate to the Congress of the United States agreably to the provisions of said Organic Law

Given under my hand & seal this first day of November A.D. 1836

A. Dodge (Seal)

Proclamation

Declaring Members Elect to the House of Representatives

To all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting:

Know ye that I, Henry Dodge Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, by virtue of the power me vested by the Act of Congress passed on the 10th of April 1836. for the organization of said Territory - having caused elections to be held in the several of this Territory on the 10th inst. for Members of the Council & House of Representatives as well as a Delegate to the Congress of the United States as provided for by said Act, do hereby declare & make known that the following named gentlemen were duly elected Members of the said House of Representatives from the several counties herein mentioned; viz:

From the County of Brown Ebenezer Childs, Albert G. Ellis & Alexander I. Irwin

From the County of Mil acce, William B. Sheldon Madison W. Cornwall & Charles Durkee;

From the County of Iowa William Boyle, George F. Smith D. B. Parkinson Thomas McKnight

From the County of Crawford, James A. Lockwood & James B. Dallam

From the County of Du Buque, Loring Wheeler, Pardon Van Dorn Gorin J. Camp & C. H. Eng. & Patrick Quigley and

From the County of Des Moines, Isaac Leffler, Thomas Blair Warner L. Jenkins, John Box George W. Jean, Eli Keynolds and David R. Chance.

Given under my hand & Seal at Belmont, this 25th day of Dec. 1836

A. Dodge (Seal)

Proclamation.

Declaring Members Elect to Council

To all to whom these presents shall Come, Greeting:

Know ye; that A Henry Dodge, Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, by virtue of the power in me vested, by the Act of Congress, passed on the 10th. of April 1836 for the organization of the said Territory, having caused Elections to be held in the several Counties of this Territory on the 10th inst. for Members of the Council & House of Representatives as well as a Delegate to the Congress of the United States, as provided for by said Act, do hereby declare & make known that the following named Gentlemen are duly elected Members of the said Council from the several Counties therein mentioned viz;

From the County of Brown, Henry S. Baird & John P. Arndt
From the County of Milwaukee, Gilbert Knapp and Alanson Sweet;
From the County of Iowa, Ebenezer Brigham, John P. Terry & James Vineyard;
From the County of Dubuque, John Foley Thomas Mc. Kaney & Thomas Mc. Knight; and
From the County of Des Moines, Jeremiah Smith Jr. Joseph B Teas, & Arthur B. Ingram.

Given under my hand and Seal at Belmont this 25th October 1836

A Dodge (Seal)

Message

Of His Excellency Henry Dodge, delivered at Belmont October 26th. 1836

Fellow Citizens of the Council,
And House of Representatives:

We have been convened under authority of Congress of the United States establishing the Territorial Government of Wisconsin, for the purpose of enacting such laws as may be required for the government of the people of this Territory, (after their approval by Congress.) The present & future prosperity of the people of this Territory, greatly depends upon the laws which may be passed at the present session of the Legislative Assembly. You will have my most cordial co-operation in the discharge of the high & responsible duties that devolve on you, as the Representatives of the people.

The judicial power of this Territory, under the Organic Act of Congress, is vested in

Supreme Court, District Court & Probate Courts, & Justices of the Peace. I would recommend the early action of the Legislative Assembly in defining the jurisdiction & powers of the several Courts of this Territory, dividing the Territory into Judicial districts, & prescribing the times & places of holding the proper Courts. There is now in confinement in several Counties in this Territory, criminals charged with capital offences; & the due administration of justice requires they should be tried as early as competent courts can be organized. The judiciary is one of the most important branches of our Territorial government: the lives, liberties, & property of all classes of the community depends on the due & impartial administration of the laws.

I would recommend to the Legislative Assembly, at an early day of their session, that a memorial be forwarded to the Congress of the United States, on the subject of extending the right of pre-emption, to a numerous & respectable portion of the inhabitants of this Territory, who are now settled on the public lands. The policy heretofore pursued by the Government, in granting the right of pre-emption to actual settlers, has induced many families to emigrate to this Territory; believing the same indulgence would be extended to them that had been granted to others. Relying on the justice of the Government, they have invested all their means in the improvement of this country; & to be placed in competition with speculators in the purchase of their homes, would bring ruin & distress on many families. The actual settlers on the public lands have have brought this Territory into notice, & have been the means of producing a large amount in the Treasury of the United States. The public lands were intended for the benefit of the actual settler, who depends alone on the soil for support. They are ready at all times to defend their homes at the risk of every thing dear to freemen. By granting them the right of pre-emption they will be enabled to purchase their homes at the government price, which is a small boon extended to this meritorious class of the community, for all the privations incident to the settlement of a new country. The policy of the Government in granting pre-emption rights to actual settlers has grown with the growth & strengthened with the strength of the western Country. It is a policy wise & just. The relation of Landlord & tenant should never exist in this country; it is contrary to the spirit of our free institutions; & surely the Representatives of a great & enlightened people will shield the actual settler & his family from the avaricious grasp of the Speculator. Congress having passed a Law at their last Session, granting to the actual occupants of town lots on the Land of the United States, the privilege of purchasing their lots at a fixed price, has established a precedent that gives the actual settler strong

claims on the justice of the Government. From the present state of the United States Treasury, it would seem there could be no necessity for selling the public lands to the actual settler at the high price of one dollar & a quarter an acre; in justice, the price of the public lands should be reduced & graduated according to the value of the land. From the great extent of the public domain of the Territory, not to be surveyed, it would seem the public interest would be greatly promoted by the establishment of a Surveyor General's Office within the Territory & the location of two Land Offices West of the Mississippi.

I would suggest the propriety of memorializing Congress as to the justice of granting to all Miners who have obtained the ownership of mineral grounds, under the regulations of the superintendant of the United States Lead Mines, either by discovery or purchase, the right of pre-emption in the purchase of their mineral lots at the minimum price of the public lands. By the persevering industry of the miners, the lead mines have greatly increased in value; they have been in war, many of them, the brave defenders of the mining region of the Country; they were invited by the Government, through their Agents, to explore & work the United States Mines. This meritorious class of the community have strong claims on the justice & liberality of the Government, that I trust will not be withheld from them. By selling the United States lead mines, without a reservation securing the rights of the Miners, they would be deprived of valuable mineral grounds that they have exercised ownership over for years; they would not be able to compete with speculators whose object will be to make a monopoly of all the mineral grounds in this extensive lead region of country.

I would recommend a Memorial to Congress should be prepared, at an early day of the Legislative Assembly, on the subject of the necessary Internal Improvements in this Territory. Forty thousand dollars was appropriated at the last Session of Congress for the removal of the obstructions in the Rapids of the Upper Mississippi. I would suggest the propriety of asking Congress an appropriation of two hundred & fifty thousand dollars for the completion of this important public measure. The annual transportation over these Rapids amount to several millions of dollars. The great increase in the commerce of the Upper Mississippi within the last two years, the large amount of lead annually shipped from the Lead Mines, now sufficient for the consumption of the United States, & the increased value of the public lands on the shores of the Upper Mississippi, where towns are building on the most eligible situations, gives the citizens of this Territory strong claims on the bounty of their Government.

The shipping interests on Lake Michigan for the last two years has increased to a great extent, & has been done by the Government to protect it. At present

for the construction of harbors & light houses are of the first importance to protect our commerce, as well as the lives of enterprising citizens on Lake Michigan. Many lives & property to a large amount, has been lost for the want of the necessary harbors on this Lake. I would suggest the propriety of asking of Congress an Appropriation sufficient to cover the expense of surveying all the necessary harbors on Lake Michigan, & the construction of such harbors, & light houses at the most eligible situations, for the security & protection of our lake trade.

The improvement of the navigation of Fox River, I consider a subject of great importance to the citizens of this Territory & recommend that an appropriation be asked of Congress for a survey of the Fox River from Green Bay to Fort Winnebago. A small appropriation would remove the obstructions at the Grand & little Kakalin, & by cutting a canal a short distance, one third of the distance would be shortened between Lake Winnebago & the portage of the Wisconsin & Fox Rivers. A Canal already commenced of one mile & a quarter, will connect the waters of the Wisconsin & Fox Rivers. This important public work has been commenced by an enterprising company, under a charter from the Territory of Michigan, & it is expected will be completed next season. With the improvement of the navigation of the Fox River, & connecting the waters of the Wisconsin with that River, we would have an internal communication between Lakes Michigan & the Mississippi River, which would greatly facilitate our commercial operations on the Lakes, as well as the transportation of troops & munitions of War, should it be necessary, for the protection of our exposed & extensive frontier.

The improvement of the navigation of the Rock River, I consider a subject of vital importance to the future prosperity of this Territory. This river waters a large extent of fertile country; a small appropriation by Congress would be sufficient to remove the obstructions in its navigation. It is known that, from the outlet of the four Lakes, that discharges itself into the Rock River, the distance does not exceed twelve miles by Land, & from the fourth Lake, it is not more than sixteen miles to the Wisconsin River. Indians have frequently descended in canoes, in high waters, from the fourth Lake to the Wisconsin River. The great advantage of this inland communication must be apparent; it would greatly enhance the value of the national domain in that part of the Territory, & increase the value of lands purchased by individuals from the Government. The construction of a rail-road, commencing at some suitable point on the Mississippi, in this Territory, passing through the mining country to the Rock River, &

direct. of Lake Michigan, is a subject of great interest to the citizens of this Territory, and have given claims on the justice of the government in granting a donation in land for that important purpose.

I recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the propriety of asking from Congress a donation of one township of land, to be sold, & the proceeds of the sale placed under the direction of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, for the establishment of an academy for the education of youth; the institution to be governed by such laws & regulations, & to be located at such place as the Legislative Assembly may designate. It is a duty we owe to the rising generation to endeavor to devise means to improve the condition of those that are to succeed us; the permanence of our institutions must depend upon the intelligence of the great mass of the people.

The organizing & arming of the militia I consider a subject of great interest to the future peace of the people of this Territory, from the great extent of our exposed & defenceless frontiers - situated, as they are, without arms & ammunition in a state of things calculated to invite sudden attacks from the numerous Indians bordering on our Territory. We are now in a state of peace, & it is proper time, to make the necessary preparations to guard against future events. Experience should teach us, & the existing war in the South, with the Seminole Indians admonishes us, of the necessity of being prepared. I would recommend the passage of a law organizing one company of volunteer mounted riflemen, in each of the counties of this Territory, to be composed of sixty men each, exclusive of officers, & non commissioned Officers, with the privilege of electing their Officers, to be uniformed & held at all times in readiness to take the field. The companies of mounted riflemen should by law be obliged to muster once during each of the summer & fall months, & once this months during the Spring & winter months. Mounted riflemen are the most efficient troops for the protection & defence of our frontier settlements. I would recommend the passage of a law, marking it the duty of the Adjutant General of the Militia, to muster a portion of the militia, in each of the Counties in this Territory, for the purpose of drilling the Officers of each regiment of Militia, three days in each year before each regimental muster, & after the musters & inspections of arms, it should be made the duty of the Adjutant General of the Militia [illegible] to report the strength of the Militia of each Regiment, with the state & condition of their arms. This Report to be [illegible] ... duty of the Militia ... these returns are important to enable the Terri-

to procure from the General Government her proportion of the public Arms, according to her numbers. The Adjutant General of the Militia should receive a liberal compensation, by law, for his services. I would recommend to the Legislative Assembly the justice & propriety of asking of Congress, a deposit in this Territory of three thousand stand of arms, for the use of the Citizens in the event of an Indian War - one half the number asked for to be rifles & the remainder muskets, with fixed ammunition sufficient for a campaign of four months. In addition to the rifles & muskets proposed, I would recommend there should be added four light brass field-pieces, not to exceed in weight three hundred pounds, (three pounders) fixed on carriages, with a supply of fixed ammunition for them. Experience has proven to us that in the first stages of our difficulties with the Indians, we have to depend on our own resources; the granting us the privilege of a deposite of arms might be a great saving to the Government in a pecuniary point of view & might be the means of saving ~~many~~ valuable lives in the event of an Indian War. Under the organic Law of Congress it was made the duty of the Executive to convene the Legislative Assembly at some place designated by him. In the discharge of that duty I have selected this place. The permanent location of the Seat of Government is a subject of vital importance to the people of this Territory, & I deem it proper to state that my assent will be given to its location, at any point where a majority of the Representatives of the people agree it will best promote the public good.

Henry Dodge

Belmont Oct 26/36

(& with the advice & consent of the Council)

Commissions issued by His Excellency Henry Dodge

Date	To whom issued	Office	County	Term.
Nov 8th 1836	Joel S. Fisk	Judge of Probate	Brown	4 years
	Samuel Ryan	Justice of the Peace	"	3 years
	John G. Smith	"	"	"
	William White	"	"	"
	Lewis Grignon	"	"	"
	Robert D. Stewart	"	"	"
	Geo. McNeson	"	"	"
	Thomas Green	"	"	"
	Jacob W. Conner	"	"	"
	Chester Ford	"	"	"
	Silas Stedman	"	"	"

Date	To whom issued	Officer	County	Term
Nov 8th 1836	Levi Curran	Justice of the Peace	Braun	3 years
"	Henry Merrill	"	"	"
"	Chas. P. Arndt	Notary Public	"	at pleasure
"	James D. Doty	"	"	"
"	Henry T. Baird	"	"	"
"	Saml. Ryan	Auctioneer	"	2 years
"	Joel S. Fiske	"	"	"
"	Ebenezer Childs	"	"	"
"	John V. Suydam	District Surveyor	"	4 years
"	Charles Sutter	Sheriff	"	3 years
"				
"	Elisha Smith	Justice of the Peace	Milwaukee	3 years
"	William Cameron	Sheriff	Des Moines	"
Nov 9th 36	Timothy Mason	Justice of the Peace	Du Buque	"
" 12th	Robt Cook	Judge of Probate	Des Moines	4 years
Nov 14th	William Bowen	Justice of the Peace	Iowa	3 years
"	Danl S. Sutherland	"	"	"
Nov 19th	Joseph Bailey	"	"	"
"	J. S. Kirkpatrick	"	"	"
"	Henry Wood	"	"	"
"	Wm H. Woods	"	"	"
Nov 19th	Francis Mc Canty	"	Braun	"
Nov 24th	Thos Hughill	District Surveyor	Iowa	4 years
"	H. R. Cotter	Judge of Probate	"	"

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Dec. 2d	To whom issued	Officer	County	Term
"	George W. Cummins	Sheriff	Du Buque	3 years
"	Ezekiel Lockwood	Judge of Probate	"	4 years
"	Ira Williams	Notary Public	"	at pleasure
"	Warner Lewis	"	"	"
"	Ira Williams	Justice of the Peace	"	3 years
"	Warner Lewis	"	"	"
"	Ira Cook	"	"	"
"	Wm Hutton	"	"	"
"	Eleazar Parkhurst	"	"	"
"	David Dyas	"	"	"
"	John D Bell	"	"	"
"	John Jones	"	"	"
"	George W. Harris	"	"	"
"	Wm Hogan	"	"	"
"	Alex.r McGregor	"	"	"

Date	To whom issued	Officer	County	Term
Dec 2d/36	David Blythe	Justice of the Peace	Du Buque	3 years
"	Henry F. Lander	"	"	"
"	Wm. W. Wayman	"	"	"
"	Isaac Hamilton	"	"	"
"	Paul Cain	"	"	"
"	David Hogan	"	"	"
"	Andrew Dixon	"	"	"
"	Bratten Bushey	"	"	"
"	Silas Webster	"	"	"
"	Robert G. Roberts	"	"	"
"	David Comstock	"	"	"
"	Robert Davis	"	"	"
"	Andrew Bankston	"	"	"
"	John Flinn	"	"	"
"	Patrick Quigley	Auctioneer	"	2 years
"	John D. Sanders	"	"	"
"	Wm. W. Cornell	District Attorney	"	3 years
"	Daniel G. Fenton	"	Iowa	"
		Military		
Dec 2d/36	Jonathan Wheelock	Colonel of Militia	Brown	at pleasure
"	Saml Ryan	Lt Col "	"	"
"	Charles Fuller	Major	"	"
"	James Clyman	Colonel "	Milwaukee	"
"	Isaac Butler	Lt. Col. "	"	"
"	Alfred Ormsdorff	Major "	"	"
"	James B. Dallam	"	Crawford	"
"	Wm S. Hamilton	Colonel "	Iowa	"
"	Abner Nichols	Lt. Col "	"	"
"	Robert W. Gray	Major "	"	"
"	Wm W. Chapman	Colonel "	Du Buque	"
"	Paul Cain	Lt Col "	"	"
"	Wm S. Anderson	Major "	"	"
"	Benj W. Wells	Colonel "	Desmoines	"
"	Olivin Cottle	Lt Col "	"	"
"	Parsley Chalfant	Major "	"	"
		Civil		
Dec 3d/36	Justus De Selhorst	Sheriff	Iowa	3 years
"	Joseph Rolette	Justice of the Peace	Crawford	"
"	Hercules L Dousman	"	"	"
"	Jas H Lockwood	"	"	"
"	Saml Gilbert	"	"	"
"	Joseph Brisbois	"	"	"
"	Jas. H. Lockwood	Judge of Probate	"	"
"	Hercules L. Dousman	Notary Public	"	"
"	Joseph Brisbois	"	"	"

Date	To whom issued	Office	County	Term
Dec 3d /36	Jean Brunet	Auctioneer	Crawford	2 years
"	Joseph Bristois	"	"	"
"	Jean Brunet	Inspector of Provisions	"	
"	Wm. Wilson	Sheriff	"	3 years
"	Ira B. Branson	District Surveyor	"	4 years
"	Thos. P. Burnett	District Attorney	"	
"	Jas. H. Lockwood	Master in Chancery	"	3 years
Dec 5th /36	Isaac N. Alexander	Justice of the Peace	Milwaukee	3 years
"	A. A. Bird	"	"	"
"	Sylvester W Dunbar	"	"	"
"	Barzilla Douglass	"	"	"
"	John Mandeville	"	"	"
"	Owen Aldridge	Sheriff	"	"
"	Wm. N. Gardner	District Attorney	"	"
"	Jno. P. Hilton	Sup. Court Commissioner	"	"
"	Wm. Campbell	Master in Chancery	"	"
"	Cyrus Hawley	Notary Public	"	"
"	[illegible]	"	"	"
"	Josph R. Ward	"	"	"
"	Wm. N Gardner	"	"	"
"	Wm. Campbell	Judge of Probate	"	"
"	Geo. T. West	District Surveyor	"	4 years
"	Geo. S. Wright	Auctioneer	"	2 years
"	Wm. Huskey	"	"	"
"	A. Peters	Inspector of Provisions	"	
Dec 7th	Robert G. Encey	Justice of the Peace	Du Buque	3 years
"	Jas. B. Dallam	Sup. Court Com	Crawford	
"	Henry S. Baird	Att. Gen. for Territory	Brown	
"	Henry Stringham	Notary Public	"	"
"	Edgar R. Huginain	Sheriff	Racine	✓ "
"	William Butler	Judge of Probate	"	4 years
"	Marshall M. Strong	District Attorney	"	3 years
"	Marshall M. Strong	Master in Chancery	"	
"	Marshall M. Strong	Sup Court Com	"	
"	David D. Wells	Auctioneer	"	2 years
"	Consider Heath	"	"	"
"	Enoch D. Putnam	Notary Public	"	at pleasure
"	Wm R. Waterman	"	"	"
"	Elias Smith	Justice of the Peace	"	3 years
"	Isaac Sage	"	"	"
"	Alfred Carey	"	"	"
"	Louis G. Dole	"	"	"
"	Saml S. Hale	"	"	"
	Richd Miller	"	"	"
	A. W. Dimmick	[illegible]	"	"

Date	To whom issued	Office	County	Term
Dec 7th/36	John F. Cady	Justice of the Peace	Racine	3 years
"	Hiram Ball	"	"	"
"	Henry F. Cox	"	"	"
"	Benj.n C. Pearce	"	"	"
"	Percy Merrick	"	"	"
"	Israel Williams	"	"	"
"	Jam.s Smiley	"	"	"
"	H. Brown	"	"	"
"	Elsad Smith	"	"	"
"	Symmes Butler	"	"	"
"	Zadoc Newman	"	"	"
Dec 9th	Samuel Smith	Sheriff	Louisa	3 years
"	Wm. Milligan	Justice of the Peace	"	"
"	Isaac Rinerson	"	"	"
"	Christopher Shuck	"	"	"
"	Wm. L Foot	"	"	"
"	Shepherd Leffler	District Attorney	Des Moines	"
"	Robt Avery	District Surveyor	"	4 years
"	Isham Edwards	Justice of the Peace	"	3 years
"	Thos. Dickey	"	"	"
"	Jno. Burkhart	"	"	"
"	James Hatcher	"	"	"
"	Wm. Dupont	"	"	"
"	Chas. R. Burnett	"	"	"
"	Parnel Veach	"	"	"
"	James Davidson	"	"	"
"	Daniel Strong	"	"	"
"	Elias Detachment	"	"	"
"	Wm. Buchanan	"	"	"
"	Hiram G. Smith	"	"	"
"	Leonard G. Abney	"	"	"
"	Richd Land	"	"	"
"	Robt Cook	"	"	"
"	Henry W Higgins	"	Cook	"
"	Saml. Campbell	"	"	"
"	Henry Bateman	Judge of Probate	Van Buren	4 years
"	Isaac G. Norris	Sheriff	"	3 years
"	Henry Bateman	Justice of the Peace	"	"
"	Richd Jones	"	"	"
"	Saml. G. Reid	"	"	"
"	Paul Bratton	"	"	"
"	Henry Moss	"	"	"
"	Wm. Saunders	"	"	"

Date	To whom issued	Officer	County	Term
Dec 9th/36	James Davis	Sheriff	Muscatine	3 years
"	Benj^n Nye	Justice of the Peace	"	"
"	Silas S. Lathrop	"	"	"
"	Thos. Starks	"	"	"
"	Em Thornton	"	"	"
"	Jno. G. Coleman	"	"	"
"	Campbell Gilmore	Judge of Probate	Lee	4 years
"	Joshua Owen	Sheriff	"	3 years
"	Joseph Douglas	Justice of the Peace	"	"
"	Thos. O'neall	"	"	"
"	Isaac Briggs	"	"	"
"	Stephen Perkins	"	"	"
"	Jno Gains	"	"	"
"	Calvin L. Pearce	"	"	"
"	Edley Mc Coy	"	"	"
"	Thos. W. Taylor	"	"	"
"	Wm Howard	"	"	"
"	Saml Ross	"	"	"
"	Wm Shinn	"	"	"
"	Wm Morrow	"	Henry	"
"	Isaac Bowen	"	"	"
"	John Phillips	"	"	"
"	Saml Nelson	"	"	"
"	Abraham C. Dover	"	"	"
"	Peter Hale	"	"	"
"	Elijah Turner	"	"	"
"	Reuben Gillenswater	"	"	"
"	William Brown	Sheriff	"	"
"	Saml Nelson	Judge of Probate	"	4 years
"	Mathias Chilton	Justice of the Peace	Lowa	3 years
"	John Catlin	"	"	"
"	Robert Dougherty	"	"	"
"	George Cubbage	"	"	"
"	Wm Baldwin	"	"	"
"	Jno. W. Blackstone	"	"	"
"	Jno. Musgrove Jr.	"	"	"
"	Frederick Hoffman	"	"	"
"	James Murphy	"	"	"
"	Thos. D. Potts	"	"	"
"	John VanMetre	"	"	"
"	Alex^r Blair	"	"	"
"	John G Kellogg	"	"	"
"	George Hickey	"	"	"

Date	To whom issued	Office	County	Term.
Dec. 9th/36	John F. O'Neill	Auctioneer	Iowa	2 years
"	George Cubbage	"	"	"
"	Wm. Baldwin	"	"	"
"	Edward Mc Shane	Notary Public	"	at pleasure
"	George Cubbage	"	"	"
"	John Catlin	"	"	"
"	George Beatty	"	"	"
"	Joseph H. D. Sheet-	Sheriff	Grant	3 years
"	Leander Judson	District Surveyor	"	4 years
"	John H. Rountree	Judge of Probate	"	"
"	Martial Delandebarat	Notary Public	"	at pleasure
"	G. M. Price	"	"	"
"	Isaac G. Lander	Justice of the Peace	"	3 years
"	Orris Mc Cartney	"	"	"
"	James Boyer	"	"	"
"	E. M. Orr	"	"	"
"	Thos. Hugill	"	"	"
"	Wm. R. Vineyard	"	"	"
"	Benj. Coates	"	"	"
"	James Dudley	"	"	"
"	James T. Brown	"	"	"
"	Thos. S. Parish	"	"	"
"	Barlow Shackelford	District Atty.	Brown	"
"	Jesse B. Webber	Territorial Treasurer		
"	George Beatty	Auditor of the Territory		at pleasure

Dec 27th The Commission of Robert J. Enox, appointed a Justice of the Peace in Du Buque County was returned, & a Commission made out for Thos. G. Enox — Justice of the Peace — Du Buque — until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council

Dec 27th The appointment of Thos. P. Burnett as District Attorney for Crawford County was declined by him, by letter, dated 17th inst.

" Eli Reynolds } Aid to the Commander in chief with the rank of Colonel } Des Moines at pleasure.

Jan 3 1837 The Commission for Racine County for Sam. S. Hale was returned & a Commission issued to Sam. S. Hale Justice of the Peace — Racine — until the end of the next Council.

Date	To whom issued	Office	County	Term
Jan 4th 1837	Wm. H. Woods	Justice of the Peace	Iowa returned	his Commission
	Wm. H. Wood	"	Grant	until the end of the
				next Council
Jan 9th 1837	W. C. Bryant	Justice of the Peace	Iowa	To continue in
	David W. Jones	Notary Public	"	force until the end
Jan 15th	I. T. Wilson	Sup Court Com.	Du Buque	of the next Session
"	James H. Gentry	Dr Maj Gen & ratck of Col	Iowa at pleasure	of the Legislative Council.
Feb 1st 1837	Calvt D. Tuttle	Auctioneer	Milwaukee	"
	Wm A. Prentiss	Justice of the Peace	"	"
"	Asa Rumney	"	"	"

Feb 3d The Commission of William Hutton, appointed to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Du Buque, was returned as an error in the name; & a new Commission issued in the name of Charles P. Hutton Justice of the Peace Du Buque until the close of the next session of the Legislative Council

Feb 2d	John Sublett	"	"	"
"	John Mc Dowell	"	"	"
"	Sylvester Baker	"	"	"
Feb 13th 37	Richd G. Ridgely	Auctioneer	Iowa	"
" 15th	Gilbert C. R. Mitchell	Master in Chancery	Du Buque	"
" 16th	Oliver Pollock	Justice of the Peace	Henry	"
"	James Cochran	"	"	"
"	John B. Bullock	"	"	"
"	Adam Ritchie	"	"	"
"	George Moffit Senr	"	"	"
	Moses Corich	Judge of Probate	Muscatine	"
"	Wilson Sowell	Justice of the Peace	Henry	"
Feb 20th	Ephraim Hall	"	Iowa	"
March 6th	James Collins	"	"	"
"	Wm S. Toole	"	Louisa	"
"	Philip B. Harrison	"	"	"
"	Wm Dupont	"	"	"
"	I. W. Parker	Justice of the Peace	Du Buque	"
"	Edwin Guthrie	"	Lee	"
"	A. C. Hastings	"	Cook	"
March 13	Natl. F. Ityer	"	Milwaukee	
"	Benoni W. Finch	Justice of Provisions	"	"
"	James Bingham	Justice of the Peace	Grant	"
"	Lt. Blanchard	"	Milwaukee	"
"	Natl. F. Ityer	Notary Public	"	"

Military

1837 — Alex.r S. Swain — 2 Lt. of the Green Bay Rangers — 5th March
" — Charles R. Brush — 1st Lt — " — " — "
" — Morgan L. Martin — Captain — " — " — "
" — E. R. Smith — 3d Lt — " — " — "
March 23d — Edward McSkerry — Justice of the Peace — Iowa County

April 17 — Charles Mason — District Attorney — Des Moines
" — James Cameron — Sheriff — "
April 10 — Ephraim Hall — Justice of the Peace — Grant
April 18 — Sam.l M. Barrington — " — Du Buque
March 25th — Morgan L. Martin, Captain of the Independent Company of Mounted Riflemen, styled "Green Bay Rangers" — Brown Co
" — E. R. Smith 3d Lieut: — " — " — " — "
" — Alex.r S. Swain 2d. Lieut. — " — " — " — "
" — Charles R. Brush 1st Lieut: — " — " — " — "

Military

April 17th — John Hays — Captain 7th Company 4th Reg. District of the Militia —
" — Lewis Hayden. Captain 13th — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Samuel Parkhurst, 1st Lt. 9th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Nicholas Walls, 2d Lt. 7th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — G. S. Parish, 2 Lt. 4th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — George Shannow, 1st Lt. 1st Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Wm. Allen, Capt.n 1st Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Chas.s Markell 1st Lt. 2d Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Chas. H. Stowell 2d. Lt. 2d Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Robert Burnett Capt. 2d Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Jno. McGlaughlin Capt. 3d Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Martin Carty 2d Lt 3d Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Patrick Kinney 1st Lt 3d Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Lucius H Langworthy Capt. 4th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Wm. Carter 1st Lt. 4th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — S. B. Chase 2d Lt 4th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Benjamin G. Alderman Capt 5th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Sam.l M. Barrington 2d. Lt. 5th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Philip Hogan Capt 6th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Joseph Robinson 1st Lt. 6th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Sam.l Taylor 2d. Lt — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — James Bowne 2d Lt 13th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Simon Cragin Capt 9th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Lansing D. Lewis 1st Lt 5th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Isaac Jones 1st Lt. 7th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — John Laplesh Capt.n 14th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Wm. Hendrickson 2d. Lt. 15th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Eliphalet Rice Capt.n 16th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
" — Parley De Long 1st Lt. 14th Company — " — " — " — " — " — "
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April 17th Benj.ⁿ Burbank 2d. Lt of the 9th Company 4th Regimental District
" Thos. Mc. Connell Capt. " 15 " " " " "
" Gab. Johnston 2d Lt " 14 " " " " "
" John Brophy 1st Lt " 13th " " " " "
" Timothy T. Clark 1st Lt " 15th " " " " "
" Robert. Lasngley 2d Lt " 16th " " " " "
" Moses E. Vansicle 1st Lt. 16th " " " " "

Until the close of the next Session of the Legislative Assembly

Civil—

Sept. 19 Lyman M. Warren Notary Public for the District La Pointe La. Sup.
" " Bennet Million 2d. Lt. of the Ind. Comp. Mounted Riflemen. Iowa Co.
" John Lindsey 1st Lt " " " " " " "
" Lisander Million
" Henry L. Dodge Capt. " " " " " " "
" 20th Sylvanus Holmes Justice of the Peace Racine County—
" Samuel Lyter. " Cook "

May 4th 1837

This day William B. Conkling, Commissioned District Attorney for the County of Dubuque, resigned his Office, and returned his Commission.

May 7th 1837

John Sublette. Commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Dubuque. this day resigned his Office, and returned his Commission

May 9th 1837

A. H. D. Steel. Commissioned Sheriff of Grant County. has resigned his Office by letter dated the 11th instant. Received this day.

May 30th 1837

This day Col William B Maughlin. Appointed Secretary of the Territory Received the following Papers to be recorded.

Department of State

Washington 17. February 1837

Sir

The President having by, and with the advice and Consent of the Senate appointed You Secretary in, and for the Territory of Wisconsin—

I herewith Enclose You Commission. You will be pleased to inform this Department of the receipt of it, and, should it be accepted, of the Name of the State or Country in which You were born

I am, Sir. Respectfully

Your Obt. Svt.

(Sig.) John Forsyth

William B. Maughlin Esqr

Andrew Jackson

President of the United States of America.

To all who Shall see these Presents Greeting.

Know Ye, That reposing Special trust and Confidence in the Integrity, Diligence, and Ability of William B. Maughlin of Iowa Territory, I do, by and with the advice and Consent of the Senate, do appoint him Secretary in and for the Territory of Wisconsin, and do authorize and empower him to Execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to Law, and to have and to hold the said office with all the powers, Privileges, and Emoluments, thereunto of right appertaining, unto him the said William B. Maughlin, for the Term of four Years from the date hereof, unless the Pleasure of the United States for the time being Shall be pleased sooner to revoke and determine this Commission

In Testimony whereof I have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed &c.

(Seal)

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington the thirteenth day of February, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Sixty first.

(Sig°) Andrew Jackson

By the President

John Forsyth

Secretary of State

I William B Slaughter Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin. Do solemnly Swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will well, and faithfully, Perform the duties of the office of Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, to the best of my ability.

(Signed) William B. Slaughter

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 4th day of March a Judge of Probate for the Territory of Wisconsin, Dodge County of Dubuque this third day of March 1837

(Sig°) E. Lockwood

Judge of Probate

(Henry Dodge)

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

A Proclamation

Whereas, it is provided, in the 4th Section of an Act of the Legislative Council of Michigan, entitled "An Act to district the Territory of Michigan, and to provide for the election of Members of the Legislative Council." Confirmed by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, Entitled "An Act to Amend, and adopt the several laws of this Territory for the several judiciary tribunals, for the Purpose of giving said Laws full force and Effect according to the Provision thereof." Approved Dec" 8th 1836. that in Case of any Vacancy of any Member of the Legislative Council of said Territory, by death, or other Cause, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order by Proclamation, an Election in that District in which such Vacancy shall happen; and whereas, a Vacancy has occured in the delegation to the House of Representatives of this Territory, from the County of Dubuque by the death of Moses St. Vrain, late a Member thereof from said County.

Now therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States, and the Laws of this Territory, I do hereby issue this Proclamation, ordering an election to be held on Monday the 24th day of July next, at the several Places within the said County designated for holding elections, for the Purpose of Chusing a Representative to the next Legislature accordingly, to

supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Byron G. Camp[illegible] the Election in all things to be conducted, and the Returns certified, and declared as the Law directs, as soon as may be, agreeably to the Provisions of an Act of the Legislative Council of Michigan Entitled "An Act to regulate the Election of a Delegate to the Congress of the United States" Continued by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin approved December 8th 1836.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and Caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Burlington, this thirty first day of May, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand, Eight hundred, and thirty Seven, and of the Independence of the United States, the Sixty first.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

By the Governor.

(Signed) W. B. Slaughter

Secretary Wisconsin Territory.

June 1st 1837

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge Commissioned the following Officers to hold their Appointments, until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council of the Territory. viz.

Thomas Clark to be Justices for the Territory.

Thomas McPherson, District Attorney.
Daniel Cambreleng, Justice of the Peace.
in Place of Commission heretofore issued in the Name of "David" Cambreleng } Burlington County.

Robert K. Read, Sheriff,
John Scott Fletcher, Notary Public
Ralph Crane, Justice of the Peace } Grant County.

Adna Anderson, Justice of the Peace Racine County.

Samuel Wright, Justice of the Peace
Thomas Hart, ditto
Thomas Lambert ditto } Milwaukee County.
John R. Gilman, Justice of the Peace, for Jefferson County.
Attached to Milwaukee for Judicial purposes.

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge, also Commissioned the following Officers in the Militia, to hold their Appointments, until the End of the next Legislative Council of the Territory, viz.

Bushrod W. Crary of Racine, Judge Advocate General.
with the Rank of Colonel.

Peter A. O'Neil Captain
Benjamin Salter 1st Lieutenant } 1st Regt of Wisconsin Militia

Samuel McClaine	2nd Lieutenant	} First Troop of Wisconsin Dragoons.
Thomas McPaint	3d do	
Norman Clark	Captain	} Independent Company of Brown Co Riflemen in that County of Racine to be Called the "Racine Rangers."
Calvin Bryant	1st Lieut	
Lucius Bennett	2d do	

First Regimental District Composed of the Original County of Iowa.

Lemuel Rose	Captain	} First Company.
Andrew Aumo	1st Lieut	
Joseph Coyne	2d do	
William Porter	Captain	} Second Company.
Robert Campbell	1st Lieut	
Joseph Kenevick	2d "	

Stephen Goff	Captain	} Third Company.
Asa White	1st Lieut	
Jacob Laird	2d "	

William Boyce	Captain	} Fourth Company.
Thomas Denson	1st Lieut	
Humphrey Beckett	2d "	

Thomas Brown	Captain	} Fifth Company.
William Davidson	1st Lieut	

L. M. Price	Captain	} Sixth Company.
Daniel Richards	1st Lieut	
Joseph Price	2d "	

William Jenkins	Captain	} Seventh Company.
John Meeresmith	1st Lieut	
Dorrand	2d "	

H. M. Billings	Captain	} Eighth Company.
Charles Stephenson	1st Lieut	
Buckholder	2d "	

Second Regimental District. Composed of the Original County of Brown.

Alexander McLeod	Captain	} Third Company.
Charles McLeod	1st Lieut	
William A. Clark	2d "	

David Bleik	Captain	} Second Company.
Hosea Reynolds	1st Lieut	
Levi Billings	2d "	

Reuben Burham	Captain	Ninth Company
John F. Green	1st Lieut	
Orphan Lee	2d "	
Daniel Hathaway	Captain	Tenth Company
Daniel H. Hubbard	1st Lieut	
Perin Porter	2d "	
Lewis Chatfield	Captain	Eleventh Company
Edwin A. Gray	1st Lieut	
Daniel Compton	2d "	
Samuel Perrin	Captain	Twelfth Company
Alexander Grigsby	1st Lieut	
Joseph H. Porter	2d "	

(Third Regimental District. Composed of the Original County of Milwaukee.)

Madison (W.) Cornwall	Lieut. Colonel	
Curtis Reed	Maj. Paymr.	
Stephen H. Ayres	Adjutant	
Henry M. Teague	Captain	First Company
Alvin Hammond	1st Lieut	
Benjamin Pratt	2d "	
Thomas Davis	Captain	Second Company
Williams Partridge	1st Lieut	
Nathan P. Allen	2d "	
Franklin Greene	Captain	Third Company
Elmore L. Blake	1st Lieut	
Nelson Bentley	2d "	
Ephraim Vernon	Captain	Fourth Company
Lyman Gilchrist	1st Lieut	
Moses Smith	2d "	
Daniel Hinckley	Captain	Fifth Company
Elijah C. Hathaway	1st Lieut	
William H. H. Bailey	2d "	
William M. Dennis	Captain	Sixth Company
Thomas J. Gahagen	1st Lieut	
A. G. Waddell	2d "	
Samuel Thomas	Captain	Seventh Company
A. S. Rogers	1st Lieut	
A. K. Delany	2d "	

Edw. Cannon	Captain	Eighth Company.
Thomas A. Boyd	1st Lieut	
Abram Sandrick	2d "	

M. S. Rose	Captain	Ninth Company.
A. D. Vance	1st Lieut	
John A. Graham	2d "	

John Corbin	Captain	Tenth Company.
Hezekiah M. Brown	1st Lieut	
John Brace	2d "	

John D. Wright	Captain	Eleventh Company.
Horatio Higgins	1st Lieut	
Ransom D. Packard	2d "	

Sylvester Pettibone	Captain	Twelfth Company.
Nathaniel Watson	1st Lieut	
John Gordon	2d "	

Robert R. Read. was this day Commissioned by His Excellency Governor Dodge, an Auctioneer for the County of Grant, to hold his office. until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

June 8th 1837

This day, Ivey Stewart. was Commissioned by His Excellency Governor Dodge a Justice of the Peace for the County of Milwaukee to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

June 10th 1837

On this day a letter from W. R. Colter. resigning his office as Judge of Probate for Iowa County. was received & filed.

Henry Dodgesmith was this Commissioned by His Excellency Gov. Dodge. Judge of Probate for the County of Iowa in the room of W. R. Colter. resigned. to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

June 23d 1837

On this day. Henry A. Baird. (by letter dated June 5th 1837) resigned his seat as a Member of the Legislative Council of this Territory from the district Composed of the Original County of Brown.

June 25th 1837.

On this day. James H. Lockwood. (by letter dated June 24. 1837) resigned his seat as a Representative to the Legislative Assembly of this Territory. from the County of Crawford.

June 26th 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Wm. Wilkins Esq Boards a Justice of the Peace for the County of Iowa, Jonathan Ringo for the County of Dubuque, and Wm. R. Brown for the County of Dubuque to hold their offices until the End of the next session of the Legislative Council.

June 26th 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following Officers in the Militia to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council viz

In the 4th Regimental District Composed of the Original County of Dubuque

Franklin K. Pelk	Captain	8th Company.
Solon Reniff	1st Lieut	
Jeremiah Medill	2 Lieut	
Levi S. Overton	Captain	10th Company.
Samuel M. Parker	1 Lieut	
Alexander Leclaire	2 Lieut	

June 27th 1837.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation

By Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.

A Proclamation

Whereas, it is provided in the 4th Section of an Act of the Legislative Council of Michigan, Entitled "An act to district the Territory of Michigan, and to provide for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council." Confirmed by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin entitled "An Act to continue and adopt the Several laws of this Territory for the Several judiciary tribunals, for the Purpose of giving said laws full force and effect according to the provisions thereof." approved December 8th 1836. that in Case of any Vacancy of any Member of the Legislative Council of said Territory by death or other Cause, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order by Proclamation another Election in that District, when such Vacancy shall happen; and

Whereas, a Vacancy has occured in the Delegation to the Council of this Territory from the District Composed of the Original County of Brown by the Resignation of Henry S. Baird, late a Member thereof from said District.

Now therefore, by Virtue of the Authority vested in me by the President of the United States, and the laws of this Territory, I do hereby issue this Proclamation ordering an Election to be held on Saturday the Second day of September Next, at the several places within the said District, designated for holding Elections, for the Purpose of Choosing a Member of Council to the next Legislative Assembly to supply the Vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of the said Henry S. Baird, the said Election in all things to be conducted, and the result certified and returned in the manner as near as may be agreeably to the Provisions of an Act of the Legislative Council of Michigan, entitled "An Act to regulate the Election for Delegate to the Congress of the United States". Confirmed by an Act

the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

(Seal)

Done at Mineral Point this twenty Seventh day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and thirty seven and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty first.

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

By the Governor: N. B. Slaughter
Sec'y. Wis Territory.

July 4th 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned George D. Wardell and John V. Suydam Justices of the Peace for the County of Crawford to hold their Offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

July 4th 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation.

(Seal) Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.

A Proclamation.

Whereas it is Provided in the 4th Section of an Act of the Legislative Council of Michigan, Entitled "An Act to district the Territory of Michigan, and to provide for the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly." "Confirmed by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, entitled "An Act to Amend and adopt the Several Laws of this Territory for the Several Judiciary Tribunals for the Purpose of giving said Laws full effect, according to the Provisions thereof." Approved December 8th 1836. That in Case of any Vacancy of any Member of the Legislative Council of said Territory, by death or other Cause it shall be the duty of the Governor to order, by Proclamation, another Election in that District. Where such Vacancy shall happen; and whereas a Vacancy has occurred in the delegation to the House of Representatives of this Territory from the County of Brown, by the resignation of Albert G. Ellis. late a Member thereof from said County:

Now therefore, by Virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Provisions of the United States and the Laws of this Territory, I do hereby issue this Proclamation, ordering an Election to be held on Saturday the Second day of September next at the several Places within the said County of Brown designated for holding elections, for the Purpose of Choosing a Representative to the next Legislative Assembly, to supply the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the said Albert G. Ellis, the said Election in all things to be conducted, and the result certified, and declared, in the same manner, as near as may be, agreeably to the Provisions of an Act of the Legislative Council of Michigan, Entitled "An Act to regulate the Elections of Delegates to the Congress of the United States." Confirmed by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin as aforesaid.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my Name and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Mineral Point this Fourth day of July. in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty Seven and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty first.

(Seal)

(Sig.d) Henry Dodge.

By the Governor

W. B. Slaughter

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July 5th 1837.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge. Commissioned Cromwell Lloyd. an Auctioneer for the County of Iowa. to hold his office until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

July 6th 1837.

On this day James B Dallam. resigned his Seat as a Representative to the Legislative Assembly of this Territory. from the County of Crawford. (See letter of Resignation on file).

Aug 12th 1837.

On this day His Excellency Gov.r Dodge issued the following Proclamation.

Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

A Proclamation

Whereas. it is provided in the 4th Section of an Act of the Legislative Council of Michigan. entitled "An Act to district the Territory of Michigan and to provide for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council." Confirmed by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin Entitled "An Act to amend and adopt the Several laws of this Territory for the Several judiciary tribunals; for the Purpose of giving said laws full force and effect" According to the Provisions thereof "Approved December 8th 1836. that in Case of any Vacancy of any Member of the Legislative Council of said Territory. by death or other Cause. it Shall be the duty of the Governor to order, by Proclamation or other Motion in that District where such Vacancy shall happen; and Whereas, Vacancies have occurred in the delegation to the House of Representatives of this Territory from the County of Crawford. by the Resignations of Samuel H. Scoles and Samuel S. Dallam. late Members thereof from said County.

Now therefore. by Virtue of the Authority vested in me by the President of the United States, and the Laws of this Territory. I hereby issue this Proclamation, ordering an Election to be held on Friday the Twenty Ninth day of September next at the Several Places within the said County of Crawford designated for holding Elections, for the Purpose of choosing Representatives to the third Legislative Assembly to supply the Vacancy

by the Legislature of the said Council, and Chapter 13 Laws of the said Election in all things to be conducted, and the result certified, and declared in the same manner, as shall be agreeable to the provisions of an act of the Legislative Council of Michigan, entitled "An act to regulate the Election of a Delegate to the Congress of the United States." Confirmed by an act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin as declared.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Mineral Point this 12th of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Seven, and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty first second.

(Seal)

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

By the Governor

W. B. Slaughter

Secy Wis Territory

On this day His Excellency Gov. Dodge Issued the following to be recorded.

Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of Illinois.

Whereas it has been reported to me that George Madera late of the County of Iowa and Territory of Wisconsin, was indicted for Manslaughter at a term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Counties of Crawford and Iowa, held at Mineral Point in October 1833, and Whereas it is further represented to me that the said George Madera is now a fugitive from the justice of this Territory, and has taken up his residence in the State of Illinois.

Now therefore, Pursuant to the Provisions of the Constitution, and Laws of the United States in such Case made and Provided, I do hereby require that the said George Madera be apprehended, and delivered to Justus De Lerhorst, Sheriff of the said County of Iowa, who is hereby duly authorized to receive him, and Convey him to the Territory of Wisconsin, there to be dealt with According to Law.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Mineral Point this Twelfth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty Seven, and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty Second.

(Seal)

(Sig.) Henry Dodge.

By the Governor

(Sig.) W. B. Slaughter

Secy Wis Territory

(August 12th 1837)

On this day. His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following officers to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council.

Franklin A. Hunger	to be District attorney for the County of Grant.
George W. Hamilton.	Justice of the Peace for the County of Dubuque
Thomas McDuff.	District Attorney for the County of Muscatine
Simeon Mills.	Justice of the Peace for the County of Dane attached to Iowa for Judicial Purposes
Augustus A. Reid	Notary Public for the County of Dubuque
Nelson Dewey	Justice of the Peace for the County of Grant
James G. Kennie	" " " " " " " " of Muscatine
John S. McCutchen	" " " " " " " " " "
William R. Whittlesey	" " " " " " " " Dubuque

(August 14th 1837)

On this day His Excellency Gov^r Dodge Presented the following to be recorded.

(Wisconsin Territory)

Executive Department

Mineral Point Aug. 14' 1837

I, Henry Dodge, Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, do hereby Certify, that in Conformity with an Act of Michigan entitled "An Act to District the Territory of Michigan, and to Provide for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council" Confirmed and Adopted by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory. Approved December 8. 1836, a Proclamation was issued. Directing an Election to be held on the 10th day of July last at the several Election Precincts within the County of Dubuque, to Choose a Representative to the next Legislative Assembly of this Territory in the room of Hosea T Camp, late a Member of the House of Representatives from said County, deceased; and whereas, an Election was held in accordance with said Proclamation, the result whereof has been duly Certified to me by the Clerk of the District Court of said County, by which it appears that Alexander McGregor had received a Majority of Votes, Now therefore, I do hereby declare and make known that said Alexander McGregor is duly Elected a Member of the House of Representatives of the next General Assembly to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the death of Hosea T Camp, late a Member thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto Set my Hand, and Caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Mineral Point this fourteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and thirty Seven, and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty second.

(Seal)

(Sig^d) Henry Dodge

(August 14th 1837.

(On this day His Excellency Gen: Dodge. Governor issued Joseph Goodnight a Justice of the Peace for the County of Iowa. to hold his Commission until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

(August 15. 1837.

On this day His Excellency Gen: Dodge issued the following Pardon viz.

(Henry Dodge.
(Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.

(To the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee and to all Others whom it may concern. Greeting.

(Whereas, at a Session of the District-Court for the third judicial district of the Territory of Wisconsin. began and holden at Milwaukee on the second Monday of June A.D. 1837. Ash. e. co. bo. ma. a Chief of the Menominee Tribe of Indians was duly Convicted & Sentenced to be executed on the first day of September next. for the alledged murder of Ellsworth Burnett, and whereas. at the term of the Court aforesaid the said Ash-a. co. bo. ma (with his son Ash. o. ma) was Convicted also of an Assault with intent to Kill upon Seamus Clynan. the Companion of the deceased Burnett and Sentenced to pay a fine of three hundred dollars. and to be imprisoned for the term of four Years, said Sentence to take effect in Case he was pardoned for the first offence, and whereas. application has been made to me by the District-Judge, District Attorney, Jurors of the Juries, and other citizens of said County to pardon the said Ash. e. co. bo. ma. for the first offence,

(Now Therefore in Consideration of the Premises, and by Virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Congress of the United States, I do hereby pardon the said Ash. e. co. bo. ma from the Penalty attached to the first offence. viz to be executed on the first day of September next for the alledged Murder of Ellsworth Burnett, and I do hereby require the Sheriff aforesaid, or any other Person whom it may Concern, to remit the Punishment of the said Sentence so require that the said Ash. e. co. bo. ma shall be executed on the first day of September next, Provided that this Pardon shall not be so Construed as to discharge him the said Ash. e. co. bo. ma from the Penalty of fine & imprisonment attached to the Second offence.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the Territory.

(Seal)

(Done at Mineral Point this fifteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty seven and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty Second.

(By the Governor
(Henry Dodge.

August 19th 1837

On this day of his Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Richard H. McMasters Justice of the Peace for the County of Brown to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

August 28 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Thomas Strong Daniel Bright to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Brown to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council also Daniel M Whitney, Ray Newton, Stanley and Hamilton Doctor Masters and David Agnew of the second Regimental District Composed of the Original County of Brown,

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September 1. 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Lorin Stevens a Justice of the Peace for Jefferson County attached to Milwaukee County for Judicial purposes and George S Green Justice of the Peace for Brownston County also attached to Milwaukee for Judicial purposes to hold their offices until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

September 2d 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Benajah D Strong a Justice of the Peace for Van Buren County to hold his office until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

September 8 1837.

The letter of Resignation of the office of Judge of Probate for Brown County by Asahel Smith was received this day to take Effect on the first of October. His Excellency Governor Dodge then Commissioned George D Dousman Judge of Probate for the County of Brown to take Effect from and after the 1st day of October next.

William O. Hamilton this day Commissioned by His Excellency Governor Dodge to be Adjutant of the first Regimental District (Infantry) Composed of the Original County of Brown to hold his office until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

On this day also His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Pardon.

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.

To the Sheriff of the County of Brown, and to all others whom it may concern Greeting.

Whereas, at a term of the District Court in the third Judicial district begun and held at Depere in said County on the fourth Monday in May 1837. (being the twenty third day of the month) one Michael Finnerty was indicted by the said Court for

48 to the Sheriff of the County of Iowa for the use of said Territory the Hundred dollars and to undergo a solitary imprisonment at Hard Labor, and whereas application has been made to me by Citizens of the said County, to remit the said Sentence and to release him from the Confinement imposed by the said Court.

Now therefore in Consideration of the premises, and by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Constitution of the United States. I do hereby pardon the said Joseph Dubois and do hereby require the Sheriff aforesaid, or any Other whom it may Concern to release and discharge the said Dubois from the fine and Imprisonment imposed by the Court as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the Territory.

(Seal)

Done at Burlington this Eighth day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Seven. And of the Independence of the United States the Sixty Second.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

September 8 1837.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following Officers in the Militia to hold their offices until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council. viz

George Cubbage, Adjutant & General of the Militia of the Territory. (With the Rank of Colonel in the room of G. Kingsbury Removed from the Territory.

Hercules L. Dousman Major of the Battalion District formed by the County of Crawford in the room of James Ballard removed from the Territory.

Asa Barnet. Capt of the 1st Company formed by said Batt. District

Joseph Dubois Capt. 2d " " " "

Samuel Reed 1st Lt. 1st Company " " "

William Wilson 1 " 2 " " " "

William Lockwood 2 " 1 " " " "

Asa B. Brandon 2 " 2 " " " "

September 9 1837

On this day Daniel P. Henderson Esquire his Commission as District Attorney for the County of Iowa by letter dated the 25th. His Excellency Governor Dodge then Commissioned Thomas S. Wilson District Attorney for the County of Iowa in the room of D. P. Henderson resigned, and Walter D. Wyer. Justice of the Peace for the County of Jefferson attached to Milwaukee for Judicial purposes. to hold their Commissions until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council

October 3d 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Charles Dunton a District Attorney for the County of Brown to hold his office until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council in the place of Edmund Bogett. late resident of the County.

October 3d 1837

The Resignation of William D Brown appointed to the Sheriffs of Brown County. was this day received and filed.

October 6. 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned William N Pinkney. District Attorney for the County of Crawford. to hold his Commission until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

October 7. 1837

His Excellency Governor Dodge. this day Commissioned George B. Penn Justice of the Peace for the County of Crawford. to hold his Commission until the End of the next Session of the Legislative Council. Also Thomas Pinckney Justice of the Peace for the County of Brown.

Iza A Price Captain
Josh D Prude 1st Lieut } Marine Regiment.
Reuben Clark 2d " }

October 11th 1837

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge. presented the following to be recorded

Wisconsin Territory. Executive Department

Mineral Point October 11. 1837

I. Henry Dodge. Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin. do hereby Certify that in Conformity with an Act of Michigan. Entitled "An Act to divide the Territory of Michigan. and to provide for the Election of Members to the Legislative Council." Confirmed and adopted by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory Approved Dec 6. 1836. I. Proclamation have issued Convening an Election to be held on the 2d day of September last at the several Election Precincts within the County of Crawford to chose Representatives to the next Legislative Assembly of this Territory in the room of Samuel Mc Kee Wood. Solomon L. Dallam late Members of the House of Representatives from said County. (Resigned) and Whereas an Election has been held in Accordance with said Proclamation. the Returns whereof have been duly Certified to me by the Clerk of the District Court of said County. by which it appears that Gen Brunett. and Alex P Grandow have received a Majority of Votes. I have therefore I do hereby declare and make known the said Gen Brunett. and Alex P Grandow to be duly elected Members of the House of Representatives of the next General Assembly to fill the Vacancies occasioned by the Resignations of James H Lockwood and James Dallam late Members thereof.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand. and Caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Prince's Point this Seventh day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & Three and of the Independence of the United States twenty eighth.

(By the Governor)
(L. S.) Alex.r Dallas
Sec.y of this Province.

(L. S.) Thos Hislop.

October 15. 1803

This day His Excellency Governor Hislop Commissioned Edward Scharpston to be Brigade Surgeon Vice Scott with the Rank of Major of the first Regiment Regimental Districts to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

Examined Edward Scharpston [illegible]

On the sixth day of November A.D. 1837. the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory convened at Burlington and on the seventh the Governor delivered the following message

Fellow Citizens of the Council and House of Representatives

By a clause of the first section of the act to divide Wisconsin and to establish the Territorial Government of Iowa, another Council and House of Representatives are to be convened to legislate for the People of this Territory, until the Legislature shall be changed according to the provisions of their Constitution and Government.

To the representatives of the people, upon meeting with you a knowledge of the wants and wishes of your Constituents; I trust a Spirit of harmony and good feeling will govern your deliberations, to enable you to proceed with that despatch necessary in all Legislative bodies; and you will have my most cordial co-operation in support of all measures that have for their object the public good.

By the organic laws of congress the laws of the late Territory of Michigan are in force until altered, modified, or repealed. There has been a great accession of population to this Territory within the last four years from every part of the United States; the State and condition of the people has been greatly changed, and the existing laws now in force (many of them) are not suited to the wants and habits of the Citizens of this Territory. I recommend, for your consideration at an early day of your Session, the propriety of selecting three or more Competent persons to report a code of laws to be Submitted to the action of the Legislative Assembly during their present Session

Owing to the present embarrassed state of the currency in this Territory, I recommend, for the consideration of the Legislative assembly, the passage of a law granting a stay of execution for one year on all judgments that may be obtained in the different Courts of record. The enactment of a law to that effect would prevent the ruin of many whose property will be liable to sale at great loss. Debts have been created when bank notes of different banks were in general circulation in this Territory by many of the most industrious and enterprising citizens, who, no doubt, believed they would be able promptly to meet their engagements. A forced sale of their property under the existing execution laws would not only deprive the debtor of the means of support, but in many cases would prevent the creditor from recovering his debt.

At the last Session of the Legislative Assembly I asked your attention to the propriety of memorializing Congress, asking the extension of the right of preemption to the actual settlers located on the public lands in this Territory. I again recommend upon early action on that important subject. This meritorious class of our citizens who are occupants of the public lands have emigrated to this Territory under the belief that the same privileges would be granted to them that had been extended to others. The settlers on the public lands are the primary

of the mod., and are rapidly enhancing the settlement of this Territory; they are cutting asunder, from their own industry, exertions, and attachment to the republican institutions of this Country, and every consideration of justice and humanity calls upon the Congress of the United States to extend to the Citizens of this Territory, who are occupants of the public lands, their fostering protection. The lot of the settlers on the public lands has been one of hardship, privation and toil, attended alike to the dangers of savage warfare, and the diseases incident to the settlement of a new country. The early settlers have built towns, now the seats of civilization and refinement, where Indian wigwams stood smoking four years ago. The early settlers on the public lands in this Territory have explored and opened the most valuable lead mines that have been discovered in the United States, thereby greatly enhancing in value the national domain: by which the sale of large sums has been paid the Government. Land was the immediate gift of God to man, and from the latest history of the world was designed for cultivation and improvement, and should cease to be an object of speculation. Speculators in the public lands have purchased large tracts east of the Mississippi in this Territory which will remain waste until they will sell for the highest prices; thereby retarding the growth and settlement of the Territory to the great injury of the actual Settlers. The just and proper policy of the Government would be to reduce the prices of the public lands and sell them to the actual settler alone. The public domain would be sold in a short period of time; Indian wars would cease to exist; the frontiers would be settled by a brave & hardy race of men who would be a barrier to Indian encroachment, and there would be no necessity of maintaining military posts for the protection of our frontiers. Should the Congress of the United States make no provision for the occupants of the public lands, and they should be deprived of their homes, either by the act of the Government or by speculators who might purchase them at public sale, it will produce a state of things greatly to be regretted. The people of this Territory in the occupancy of the public lands, although firmly devoted to the republican institutions of the Country (and a large majority of them have the most entire confidence in the wisdom and policy of the present administration of the General Government), will never submit to be driven from their homes by the iron grasp of the Land Speculator. Congress having for years granted the right of preemption to the actual settlers of the public lands, and that policy of the Government having continued, to exist securing the settlement of the Western States, should not now be changed.

I deem it my duty to call the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the propriety of memorializing Congress, asking the extension of the right of preemption to all miners who have obtained the permission of miners' grounds or lots under the authority of the Government of the United States here existing in this Territory, either by discovery or purchase; and that each miner should be

permitted to purchase his mineral lot at the minimum price of the public lands.

I recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of again memorializing Congress, asking them to increase the appropriation to the sum of two hundred thousand dollars for the removal of the obstructions at the upper and lower rapids on the upper Mississippi. It is understood the examinations of the obstructions, at these rapids had been recently made under the direction of the war Department; and, from the favorable report made the Government, it was expected preparations would have been made to have commenced this important work at the low stage of the river this season. The appropriations, heretofore made by Congress, have been entirely too small, considering the importance of the work. The trade of the upper Mississippi has increased greatly in importance within the last three years, and, from the best estimate that can be made at this time, exceeds in amount three millions of dollars annually; the whole of which passes these rapids. The delay in lightering steamboats to enable them to pass the rapids at a low stage of the river and the loss of property on them, is believed to be equal to ten per cent. on the whole amount shipped. It is not alone the citizens of this Territory who are interested in the completion of this important work: the people of the State of Illinois, residing on the borders of the Upper Mississippi, are equally interested. This interest pervades the whole country on the Mississippi from St. Peters to the gulf of Mexico. Large appropriations have been & have been made by Congress for the removal of obstructions in the navigation of the different rivers in the western States, and surely the citizens of this Territory have equal claims on the justice and patronage of the Government.

By an act of the Congress of the United States, approved March 3rd 1847, the sum of five thousand dollars, each, was appropriated, for the erection of light houses at the mouths of each of the following rivers, tributaries of Lake Michigan: Milwaukee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, and Fox River, and at the entrance of Fox River into Green Bay. Under the provisions of the act of Congress, referred to, it is made the duty of the Navy Commissioners to report to the Secretary of the Treasury, after they have caused an examination to be made, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the safety of navigation requires any additional facilities, what is most suitable for each place designated. Should the board of Navy Commissioners be of the opinion that the improvements are not required to facilitate the navigation of Lake Michigan, or that it is inexpedient from any other cause, their opinion with the facts are to be reported to Congress. Engineers have heretofore been appointed under the direction of the War Department who have made surveys at the mouths of the rivers mentioned for harbors, and these reports will show the practicability of their improvement, and their importance and utility to the public. It is a fact well known that nearly the whole length of Lake Michigan, the western shore of the Lake presents a bold bluff coast, varying from forty to one hundred feet in height, rendering it extremely dangerous in storms, owing to the scarcity of bays and natural harbors for the safety of vessels. Extensive settlements are forming on the borders of Lake Michigan; the shipping interest on the Lake has

greatly increased within the last two years; and the consequent waste of vessels and loss of lives and property may be expected, until the construction of harbors, and the erection of light houses at the mouths of the rivers mentioned. with the exception of the entrance of Fox River into Green Bay, this Bay is the best natural harbor on the western borders of Lake Michigan. The construction of pier and the establishment of a beacon-light at Long Tail point, at the head of the bay), as well as the erection of buoys to mark the Ship channel are deemed to be of the first importance to the safety of the navigation. From the increased commercial importance of the town of Milwaukee, and its location near the centre of the western shore of Lake Michigan, at the mouth of Milwaukee River, where nature has done much towards making a safe harbor, it would seem that a just regard for the rights of the Citizen of this Territory, residing on the borders of Lake Michigan, would urge the Congress of the United States as an act of justice to make a liberal appropriation for the construction of a harbor at this important point, which is absolutely necessary for the protection of the lives and the security of the property of our enterprising Citizens engaged in the Lake trade. Large appropriations were made at the last session of Congress for the benefit of twenty of the States of this Union, for the building of light-houses, light boats, beacon lights and buoys, and the sum of sixty one thousand dollars was appropriated for the same purposes for the Territory of Florida, and the small amount of twenty five thousand dollars alone appropriated for this Territory for the above purpose; and that appropriation made contingent upon the report of the Navy Commissioners to the Secretary of the Treasury, and from him to the Congress of the United States. I recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of again addressing a memorial to Congress, asking an increased appropriation for the construction of harbors, and the erection of light houses at the mouths of the different rivers, designated in the act of Congress referred to as well as the necessary improvement in the navigation of Green Bay.

A Survey has recently been ordered, by the War Department, of the Fox and Rock rivers. The report of the Engineers charged with that duty has not been published; but, from the best information I have been able to obtain, their report will be favorable to the improvement of both those rivers. The improvement of the navigation of the Fox river, and the connection of that river with the Wisconsin river by a short canal of one and one fourth miles, are subjects of vital importance to the Citizens of this Territory, by opening a water communication between the Mississippi and Lake Michigan. A communication between the Rock river and the Four Lakes, and from thence to the Wisconsin river, by a canal of sixteen miles in length, is considered practicable with but little expense. Steam boats have navigated the Wisconsin river during this season to the portage of the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers without obstruction.

The organizing and arming the militia I consider a subject of the first importance to the safety of the frontier Citizens of this Territory. The militia of the Territory have been formed into two brigades, composed of five regimental districts, and one battalion district. Elections have been held for the field and company officers, and

all the districts, with the exception of one regimental district have been organised. Five companies of volunteer mounted riflemen, and one of dragoons have been formed and officered. I earnestly recommend to the Legislature the propriety of addressing a memorial to the War Department of the Government, asking a supply of arms for the use of the volunteer companies now organised, and for the Militia of the Territory. I would suggest the propriety of asking for four thousand stand of arms, one half rifles and the remainder muskets; and in addition I would propose that two hundred pistols and swords should be furnished for the use of volunteer companies of dragoons, with the addition of four light brass field peices, not to exceed three hundred pounds in weight (three pounders) on carriages, with fixed ammunition for a campaign of four months. The Indians on the frontiers of this Territory are now in a state of peace, but such is the restless disposition of all Indians, that it is difficult to determine when they will commence their attacks on our frontier inhabitants. This is the proper time to make the necessary preparations to preserve the peace that now exists with them. From the great extent of the frontiers of this Territory, and the numerous Indians located on our borders, it is important to the safety of the inhabitants that protection should be afforded them by the Government; which can only be done by having a mounted force stationed at some suitable point on the Upper Mississippi in advance of our most exposed settlements. Two hundred mounted troops, under the command of a field officer, would be sufficient to range the country from the Mississippi to the Red Cedar, Iowa and Des Moines Rivers. This movement of troops would be a direct check on the Indians who might be engaged in war with each other. Mounted troops, ranging the country east of the Mississippi and south of the Wisconsin river to Fort Winnebago, would prevent the frequent incursions of the Indians upon the weak and unprotected settlements bordering on that frontier. I recommend therefore that a memorial be addressed to the War Department, requesting to have a mounted force posted in advance of the frontier settlements as early in the next Spring season as the grass will sustain the horses. The Indians on the borders of the frontier settlements must see and feel, if necessary, the power of the Government to enforce a strict observance of treaties between them; and the presence of mounted troops will produce that dread in the minds of the Indians, which is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the Territory, as well as the safety and security of the inhabitants. ×

The ascertainment of the boundary line between the State of Missouri and this Territory has recently become a subject of much interest to the citizens residing in the Southern part of Wisconsin. By the act of Congress of 1820, the limits of the State of Missouri were defined; and it was well understood by the members of the convention who formed the Constitution of that State that "the rapids of the river Des Moines", were the rapids in the Mississippi near the mouth of that river, known in 1820 as the Des Moines rapids, or the rapids of the river Des Moines; and the upper rapids on the Mississippi were known by the name of the Rock river rapids. It cannot be questioned that the act of Congress, above alluded to, defining the northern boundary of the State of Missouri, intended

to make the starting point for that boundary at any rapids in the river Desmoines because, it is a fact well known that there are rapids and swift running waters on the Desmoines river for more than one hundred miles above its mouth; because in 1820 there was, it is believed, no place on Desmoines river known or designated as the rapids of the river Desmoines; and because it was the general understanding in Congress, that among the members of the Convention forming the Constitution of the State of Missouri, and among all who were acquainted at that period with the names and localities of this country that the rapids of the river Desmoines, meant the rapids of the Mississippi, terminating near the mouth of the river Desmoines. That this was the understanding even in 1824 is shown by the treaty made on the fourth of August of that year with the "Sacs and Fox tribes of Indians. In that treaty the north western corner of the State of Missouri was fixed at one hundred miles due north of the mouth of the Kandas river; and a purchase of all the lands which the "Sacs and Fox tribes have or claim within the limits of the State of Missouri", between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, was limited on the north by a line drawn due east from that northwestern corner to the Mississippi river, reserving however the "small tract of land" between the rivers Desmoines and Mississippi and the section of that line between those rivers for the use of the half-breeds belonging to those nations. If it could have been even imagined, at the time of the ratification of that treaty by the Senate of the United States, that the northern boundary of Missouri was not fixed and known as there designated and laid down, but was to be hereafter determined by explorers and surveyors sent to search for rapids on the river Desmoines as far north on that river as they might be found, it is hardly probable that the Senators in Congress from Missouri at that time, known to have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties to their constituents, could have silently acquiesced in the ratification of this treaty in its present shape. From the express wording of the act of Congress designating the boundaries of the State of Missouri, that State can have no pretensions to claim any part of the country lying east or northeast of the Desmoines river. It is altogether a subject of great interest to the Citizens of our Territory residing near the boundary line in question, and it would seem to me necessary, that Commissioners on the part of the General Government should be appointed to act with commissioners on the part of Missouri to define as early as possible the true boundary line between this Territory and the State of Missouri. It would certainly be an unpleasant state of things for the constituted authorities of this Territory to come into collision with those of the State of Missouri; so far, however as it rests with me no encroachments on the rights of our Citizens will be permitted, without resistance. I recommend the early action of the Legislative Assembly on this important subject; they will have the hearty co-operation of our able and faithful Delegate in Congress, who, I am confident, will use every exertion in his power to maintain the rights of our Citizens.

By the fourth section of the organic law of this Territory it is made the duty of the Legislative Assembly to apportion the representation of the several counties to the Council and House of Representatives, according to population. As the term for which the members of the House of Representatives have been elected will expire before the next annual meeting, the action of the Legislative Assembly will be necessary on that subject during their present session.

I would respectfully call the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the propriety of passing a law for the levying and collecting a county tax for the purpose of erecting jails in each of the organized counties in this Territory (where-jails may be required) for the safe-keeping of prisoners, who may be committed to the Sheriffs of the several counties. The due administration of the laws requires that courts of justice should have it in their power to restrain the vicious part of the community who set laws at defiance.

November 14th 1837.

His Excellency Governor Dodge on this day by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council commissioned the following officers, viz.

Names	Office	County	Term
Marcus Clark	Justice of the Peace	Grant	Three years
Franklin J Munger	District Atty	Do	Do Do
Edwin Guthrie	Justice of the Peace	Lee	" "
Ethan A David	Auctioneer	Desmoines	Two years
Jonathan J King	Do	Do	Do Do
David Vanderhoon	Justice of the Peace	Do	Three years
Andrew Kennedy	Sheriff	Henry	Do Do
Eiden E Brock	Justice of the Peace	Grant	" "

November 20th 1837.

William C Rice	District Surveyor	Van Buren	Four years
Enoch S Hill	Justice of the Peace	Desmoines	Three years
William Griffey	Do Do	Do	Do Do
Henry Moore	" "	"	" "

November 24th 1837.

Charles Bracken	District Surveyor	Iowa	Four years
James Clarke	Ter. Librarian	Wisconsin Ter.	Two years
Francis C Dana	District Atty	Iowa	Three years
Thomas J Wilson	Jus. Com. Examiner	Dubuque	Four Do
Charles C Mason	District Atty.	Desmoines	Three "
Thomas C Wilson	Do Do	Dubuque	" "
William H Banks	Do Do	Crawford	" "
James Cameron	Sheriff	Desmoines	" "
Robert R Read	Do	Grant	" "
Thomas M Odell	District Surveyor	Ottawattamie	Four "

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December 9th 1837

On this day Enoch S Hill resigned his commission as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Desmoines.

December 15th 1837.

His Excellency Governor Dodge this day issued the following pardon

Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

To the Sheriff of the county of Milwaukee and to all whom it may concern, greeting

Whereas at a Session of the District Court for the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Wisconsin begun and holden at Milwaukee on the second monday of June A.D. 1837. Ah-e-co-bo-ma a Chief of the Menominee tribe of Indians, with his son Ashoma were severally tried and convicted of an assault with intent to kill, upon James Colyman, and sentenced each to pay a fine of three hundred dollars, and to be imprisoned for the term of four years; and whereas application has been made to me by certain members of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory Delegates from the original County of Milwaukee for the pardon and discharge of the said Indians from the sentence aforesaid.

Now therefore in consideration of the premises and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Congress of the United States, I do hereby pardon the said Ah-e-co-bo-ma and his son Ash-o-ma, and discharge them from the sentence imposed by the said Court. And I do hereby require the Sheriff aforesaid, or any other person whom it may concern to release the said Ash-e-co-bo-ma and his son Ash-o-ma from the penalty of fine and imprisonment aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the Territory. Done at Burlington this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the Independance of the United States the sixty second.

(Seal)

(Signed) Henry Dodge

December 21st 1837.

On this day the following resignations were handed in of the Several Justices of the Peace of Milwaukee County;
Henry Mayo, Justice of the Peace of Desmoines County;
Lemuel Bottsford, Justice of the Peace of Crawford County.

December 22 nd 1837.

His Excellency Governor Dodge this day by and with the advice and consent of the Council commissioned the following officers.

Wesley H. Hilton District Attorney for Racine County for four years

Alfred Berry Sheriff Court Commissioner for Racine County for three years

Henry Fox Jun. Notary Public for Racine County during the pleasure of the Governor

Lorenzo Jones Notary Public for Racine County during the pleasure of the Governor

Jesse Cortes, Charles Johnston, Joshua Stoner, Thomas H. Craig, Ithmer Beardsley, Samuel Hale Jun, Origin Perkins, Seth Warner, Adna Sampson, Roland Ives, and Henry Phoenix — Justices of the Peace for Racine County for the term of three years.

December 25th 1837.

His Excellency Governor Dodge this day issued the following proclamation

Henry Dodge

Governor of Wisconsin Territory

To all whom these presents shall come greeting.

Whereas Daniel Wells Junior was on the 5th day of December 1836 duly appointed and commissioned a justice of the Peace, for the County of Milwaukee for the term of three years from the date aforesaid and whereas it has been represented to me that the said Daniel Wells Junior does not and will not attend to the duties of his said Commission.

Now therefore by the authority vested in me and the laws thereof and in consideration of the aforesaid premises I do hereby revoke and determine the Commission of the said Daniel Wells from and after the date of these presents.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed. Done in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the independance of the United States the sixty second.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

seal.

December 26th 1837.

On this day the following resignations were handed in. Jonathan Parker Justice of the Peace for Dubuque County and Campbell Gilmer Judge of Probate for Lee County.

January 3d 1838.

His Excellency Governor Dodge this day by and with the advice and consent of the Council commissioned the following officers, viz.

Asher L. Pedrickson, Notary Public for Racine County during the pleasure of the Governor

Jesse Cortes, Justice of the Peace for Racine County for the term of three years

Thomas H. Craig, Justice of the Peace for Racine County for the term of three years

[illegible] Justices of the Peace for Scott County for the Term of Three Years.

Gaylord Graves, Justice of the Peace for Racine County for three years
Lewis " " " Scott " " " "
George S Meredith, John V Sharpsteen
Jacob McKinney Israel N Vanzandt
Colburt Pier Charles Morgan
David Johnston Isaac Brown
John Rennister Charles le Barnett
} Justices of the Peace for Brown County for the Term of three years

May 13 1838

The following Militia Officers were appointed by and with the advice of the Council

Wyatt S Mericle Major in Eight Division
Warren Baldwin Captain in Fourth Company in eight division Brighton Lieu. P Sweetzer 1st Third Company in the second division Peter D Seely 1st Lieutenant in Third Company in Eight Division Peter D Seely 1st Lieutenant in the Second Company in the Eight Division
Silas Billings 2d Lieutenant in Second Company in second division Nathan Chamberlain Captain in Third Company in second division Alonzo Fairchild first Lieutenant in Second Company in second division
Darius Wilds Captain in Second Company in Thomas Pr Wells 2d Lieutenant in Second Company in the second division Charles Hosford first Lieutenant in First Company in the Eight division Charles Smith Second Lieutenant in First Company in Eight Division
George Gillispie first Lieutenant in Fifth Company in Eight Division

Ephraim D Saunders Captain 1st Co 1st Reg 1st Brig 1st Div
Peaton R Allen 2 Lieutenant " " " " " "
William Eldredge 1st " " Fourth " " " "
Elmore Davis Captain " " " " " "
Nelson Whitney 2 Lieutenant " " " " " "
Samuel A Daniels 1 " " Fifth " " " "
Eli H Bruce Captain " " " " " "
Benjamin Pratt 2d Lieutenant " Leona " " " "
Alvin Raymond 1 " " " " " " "
Lucius Wo Sprague Captain " " " " " "
Alexander McLeon " " Fifth " " Leona "
Charles Binnis 2d Lieutenant " " " " eight "
William H Bailey 1 " " " " " " "
Daniel Smiley Captain " " " " " "
Reuben Clark 2 Lieutenant " Racine Riflemen
John B Wade 1st " " " "
Ira B Rice Captain " " "
Hewson Bennett 2nd Lieut " " Rangers
John M Myers 1st " " " "
Norman Clark Captain " " "
Ira B Branson 2nd Lieut. of 2nd Company of the Battalion District composed of Crawford
" " " " " " " " "
William Wilson 1st " " " " " " " " " "
Joseph Brisbris Captain 2nd " " " " " " " "
Jean Brunette " 1st " " " " " " " "
James L Stephens 2nd Lieut. of Mounted Riflemen Grant County
James C Campbell 1st " " " " " "
Joseph Dickson Captain " " " " "
John Lindsley 1st Lieut of Riflemen Iowa County
Bennett Melborn 2nd " " " "
Henry L Dodge Captain " " " "
James N Kane 2nd Lieut 1st Troop of Wisconsin Dragoons
Thomas J Parish 3rd " " " " " "
Benjamin Salter 1st " " " " " "
John F Oneill Captain " " " " "
Seth Rees 3rd Lieut. Ind. Comp: Green Bay Rangers
Alexander J Irwin 2nd Lieut Ind " " " "
Charles R Brush 1st " " " " " "
Morgan L Martin Captain " " " " "
David Ward Surgeon 2nd Regimental District
Abel W Wright Adjutant " " "
Stephen Mr Ives Lieut. Col: 8th " "
Daniel M Whitney Paymaster 2nd " "
Finlay F Hamilton Quartermaster " "
Hercules L Dousman Major Battallion District of Crawford County
Isaac Butler Col: 8th Regt District
Paul Cain Col 4th " "
William M Kane Adj't: 1st " "
Elihu Thorp 1st Lieut: of 5th Comp: 2nd Regimental District

Justus Rhubottom Captain 5th Compt: 2nd Reg: District
Louis Portier 2nd Lieut: 4th do do do do
David Mc Hubbard 1st do do " " " "
Alexander Grignon 1st " 6th " " " "
Samuel Irwin Captain " " " " "
Daniel S Carpenter 2nd Lieut 5th " " " "
Joseph L Portier 2nd " 6th " " " "
Edward Johnston Brigade Judge Advocate of the first Brigade of Wisconsin Militia with the rank of Major.

Jany. 5th A. D. 1838.

The following were appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Council
Increase A Lapham Notary Public Milwaukie Co: during Pleas. Gov.
Frederick A Wingfield ad do do do do do
Alexander I Irwin " " Brown " " " "

Jany. 6th

The following resignations were filed
Samuel Lyle Jus: Peace for Cook County
William Skinner Jus. Peace " Lee "
Thomas S Wilson Exp: Court Commissioner Dubuque County

Jany. 9th

E S Lovell appointed Notary Public for Racine County during the Pleasure of the Governor

Jany 10th

On this day the following were appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Council
Seth F Parsons Brigade Inspector of 2nd Brig: of Wisconsin Militia during the Pleasure of the Governor.
Augustus A Bird Notary Public for Iowa Co during Pleas. Governor
Simeon Mills Justice Peace Iowa Co for the term of three years
Ira B Brunson Auctioneer Crawford " " " " " two years
George W Pine Jus. Peace do " " " " " three do
John McDonald District Surveyor Jackson Co " " four "
Henry Nesterdmith Judge Probate Iowa " " " four "
Joseph T Fales Jus. Peace Dubuque Co " " " three "
William Morrison do do do do " " " three "
Cromwell Lloyd Auctioneer Iowa " " " " two "
Isaac N Sith Jus: Peace Johnson Co " " " three "
Master Dunning do do Clinton " " " " " "
James M Holday " " " " " " " " "
George Beck " " " " " " " " "
Master Ames " " " " " " " " "
William A Warren Sherriff of Jackson Co. " " " " "
James H Moss Judge Probate do " " " four "
Levi Hifflen Auctioneer " " " " two "
Joseph Jefferson " " " " " " "
Joseph T Kirkpatrick Not. Pub. " " during Pleas: Governor
Matthias Ringer Jus. Peace " " for the term of three years

James L Burtis Jus: Peace for Jackson Co. for the term of three years
William Morden do do do do do do
William Phillips " " " " " "
Joseph S Kirkpatrick " " " " " "
Charles Swan " " " " " "
C C Bellows " " Dubuque Co " " "
William H Woods " " Grant Co " " "
James Bowham " " " " " " "
Ephram Hale " " " " " " "
Ralph Carver " " " " " " "
Nelson Dewey " " " " " " "
Robert R Reed Auctioneer " " " " "
John Scott Fletcher Not. Pub. " " during the Pleasure of the Governor
David W. Jones Not: Pub. Iowa Co do " do " " do
Richard G Ridgely Auctioneer do do term of two years
Richard McKim jus Peace " " " " three "
Joseph Galbraith do do " " " " " "
Charles " " " " " " " "
Edward McSherry " " " " " " " "
James Collins " " " " " " " "
William C Bryant " " " " " " " "
Moses Meeker " " " " " " " "

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Ira W Bronson Jus. Peace for Grant Co terms of three years
Lucius C Barber do do Milwaukie Co " do do
Hyram Reckman " " " do do " " " "
John Rockwell " " " " " " " " "
Thomas Sanburn " " Water town " " " " " "
Walter S Hoyer Jus. Peace for Jefferson Town Jefferson Co " "
Alvin Foster do do " do do do " " "
Elihu Higgins " " " Lake town Milwaukie " " "
Asa Kinney " " " do do do " " "
Ivey Stewart " " " Muskego " " " " "
David Orrendorff " " " Muskego & Maquanico " " " "
Cyrus Poague District Surveyor for Lee County for the term of four years
Henry Eno Judge Probate do do do " " do do do
Philip Ville Dist. Attorney, " " " " " " three "
Asa Leek Jus. Peace for Dubuque " " " " do "
Thomas Childs Dist. Surveyor " do " " " " Four "
Nathaniel F Hoyer Sp. Ct Com. for the Town of Jefferson Jefferson Co
for the term of four years. Also Notary Public for Said County
during the Pleasure of the Governor
Rusdell Baldwin Jus. Peace for Iowa Co for the term of three years
John R Shults do do do do do do do do do do
Thomas Chilton " " " " " " " " " "
Jacob Heller " " " Scott " " " " " "
Elipalet Price " " " Clayton " " " " " "
Henry F Sanlter Sheriff " do " " " " " "
Charles S Edson Dist. Surveyor " " " " " " "

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William H Wapman Sup. Ct. Com: for Clayton Co for three years
Samuel H.R. McMasters Judge Pro: " do do . four years
Charles P Hutton Jus. Peace for Dubuque Co " three do
Samuel M Barrington Jus: Peace " do do " do "
Hardin Towlin Sup. Ct Com: " " " " four "
Matthew Morehead Jus Peace " Slaughter " " three years
John C Ellis Sheriff " do " " do do
William Kennedy Jus. Peace " Louisa " " " "
John Reynolds do do " do " " " "
James G Hall " " " " " " " "
Isaac Parsons " " " " " " " "
John S Ridder " " " " " " " "
Henry W Moore Not. Pub. for Desmoines Co during Pleas. of Governor
William Smith Jus. Peace " do do term of three years
John O Smith do do " " " do " do do
Hezekiah S Durham " " " Henry " " " " " "
Robert Pollock " " " do " " " " " "
Abraham Updegraff " " " " " " " " " "
Wilson Lewis " " " " " " " " " "
George Moffett " " " " " " " " " "
Scott Walker " " " " " " " " " "
James Gilmore " " " " " " " " " "
William G Coop " " " " " " " " " "
Elias Bewel " " " Slaughter " " " " " "
William Newman " " " Henry " " " " " "
Keenan & Steel " " " do " " " " " "
Paul Bratton " " " " " " " " " "
Samuel Jacks " " " VanBuren Co " " " " "
Samuel Morton " " " do do " " " " "
John A Whitaker " " " " " " " " " "
James G Renner " " " " " " " " " "
Yaddock & Ingham " " " Louisa " " " " " "
James W Grimes " " Desmoines " " " " " "
John Cockran " " do " " " " " "
John D Wright " " " " " " " " "
James Hedrick " " " " " " " " "
James D Spearman " " " " " " " " "

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Charles Mason Aid to the Commander in Chief of the Militia of this Territory with the rank of Colonel during the Pleasure of the Governor
John S Rockwell Lieut Col. of the Third Regt Dist.
David Gleaton do do " " Fourth do do
Benni W Finch Colonel " " Third " "

Civil Officers

Joseph Folger Jus. Peace for Dist Co for term of Three years
Anthony Street do do " Lee do " do " do do
William Wilson " " " " " " " " " "

William Coleman Jr Jus. Peace for Lee Co for the term of three years
John A Drake do do " do do " " do " do do
David W Kilbourn " " " " " " " " " " "
Thomas Grigg " " " " " " " " " " "
Hawkins Foltyer " " " " " " " " " " "
Isaac Van Allen Dist Attorney " Henry " " " " " " "
James M Snyder do Surveyor " do " " " " Four "
David Bridge Jus. Peace " Green " " " " " Three "
Robert Riden do do " do " " " " " do "
Abner Van Sant Dist Surveyor " " " " " " Four "
John W Dennison Sherriff " " " " " " Three "
William Judge Probate " " " " " " Four "

Militia Officers

H. J. Rofs Captain of the 9th Company of the Third Regt District
John R Gorham 2nd Lieut " do do " " do do do
1st do " " " " " " " "
John Corbin Captain " 10th " " " " " "
Hezekiah H Brown 1st Lieut " " " " " " "
Thomas D Hoyt 1st do 8th " " " " " "
John Moore 2nd " 10th " " " " " "
J. H. Rogers 1st " 9th " " " " " "
John Bowen Captain 8th " " " " " "
William M Dennis Do 6th " " " " " "
Hiram Burdick 2nd Lieut 8th " " " " " "
L. G. Cady do " " " " " "
Samuel Hinman Captain 7th " " " " " "
Madison W Cornwall 2d Mat. do " " " " " "
J. R Lavory 2nd Lieut. " " " " " " "

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Orison Craig Jus. Peace for Desmoines Co. for the term of three years
David Hawkins Jus Peace do do do do do do do do
Philip Maskell do do " " " " " " " "
William Olney " " " Vanburen " " " " " " "
John M Ganiques Not. Pub. " Desmoines " during the Pleasure of the Governor
Samuel Dunham Jus. Peace " Louisa " for the term of three years
Martin Harlefs Sheriff " do " do do do do do
William B Long Jus. Peace " Dane " " " " " "
Major Patterson do do " Dubuque " " " " " "
Edwin Guthrie Com. of Bail for Lee Co during the pleasure of the Governor
Robert Jus. Peace for Muscatine Co for the term of three years
Thomas Johnson do do do do do do do do do do

January 22nd 1838

On this day his Excellency Gov. Dodge commissioned Cyrus Jacobs to be Commissary General of the Militia of Wisconsin with the rank of Colonel, and Thaddeus C Martin to be a Notary Public for Dubuque County until the next session of the Legislative Council.

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Feb: 16th 1838

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Linson Sardner Justice Peace Clinton Co: End of the Proclamation

Bushnell B Carr Surgeon Genral of the Militia with the rank of Colonel: Pleasure of Gov:

Hyram Ozyekman Justice Peace for the town of Milwaukee in County of Milwaukee by and with the advice of Legislative Council for three years from 15th Jan: 1838

David W Jones Pay Master General of the Militia with the rank of Lieutenant Col: Pleas of Gov 16th Feb: 1838

Joseph L Mallard Jus: Peace: Co: of Jackson and of the next session of Legislative Council Feb 16th 1838. —

Proclamation

four hundred dollars reward

Henry Dodge.

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

Whereas It has been represented to me that a certain Lindsey Evans principal & Jacob Derrick & William Colly (accomplices) charged with the crime of murder in the County of Grant in this Territory are now fugitives from Justice: Now therefore I Henry Dodge Governor of the said Territory by virtue of the power vested in me by the Congress of the United States, and the laws of this Territory do hereby make known that the above reward of four hundred dollars will be given for the apprehension & delivery to the Sheriff of Grant County of the said Evans Derrick & Colly, or two hundred dollars for the principal, and one hundred dollars each for the accomplices in order that they may be brought to Trial for the crime with which they stand charged. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my hand & caused the great seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed. Done at Mineral Point this 16th day of Feb: 1838. Henry Dodge

By the Governor —

Dodgeville January 22nd A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned Alexander McGregor Major of the Battalion District Composed of the Counties of Green & Dane until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

February 14th A.D. 1838.

On this day George F. Smith resigned his seat in the Legislature of Wisconsin Territory and Alexander McGregor resigned his seat in the Legislature of Wisconson Territory.

On this day the Commission of George Peck a justice of the Peace for the County of Clinton attached to Scott County returned on account of error in the name.

Mineral Point Feby. 23d 1838.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned William A. Prentiss Justice of the Peace for the town of Milwaukee and George Peck Justice of the Peace for the County of Clinton attached to Scott County to hold them offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

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February 24th A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
A Proclamation

To the Sheriff of the County of Iowa

Whereas it is provided in the nineteenth Section of an Act providing for and regulating general elections in the Territory approved the Seventeenth day of January last that when any vacancy shall happen in the Office of members of the Council and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly by death resignation or otherwise the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or District in which such vacancy shall happen commanding him to notify the several Judges of Election in his County or district to hold a special election to fill such vacancy or vacancies at a time to be appointed by the Governor and whereas a vacancy has occurred in the Office of members of the House of Representatives from the district composed of the organized County of Iowa by the resignation of George W. Smith late member of the House of Representatives from the said district. Now in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid act you are hereby commanded to notify the several Judges of election in the said district to hold a special election to fill said vacancy on monday the 9th day of may next

Memoranda of Executive Acts

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Seal

Done at Mineral Point the twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

(Signed) Henry Dodge

By the Governor

(Signed) Jas. D. Doty

Sec'y Ter.

Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

A Proclamation

To the Sheriff of the County of Dubuque

Whereas it is provided in the nineteenth section of an Act providing for and regulating general elections in this Territory approved the seventeenth day of January last that when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly by death resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or district in which such vacancy shall happen commanding him to notify the several Judges of election in his county or district to hold a special election to fill such vacancy or vacancies at a time to be appointed by the Governor and whereas vacancies happened in the offices of members of the House of Representatives from the district comprising the original County of Dubuque by the resignation of Patrick Quigley and Alexander McGregor late members of the House of Representatives from the said district.

Now therefore in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid Act you are hereby commanded to notify the several Judges of election in the said district to hold a special election to fill said vacancies on monday the fourth day of May next

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed

Done at Mineral Point this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight

(Seal)

(Signed) Henry Dodge

By the Governor

(Signed) Jas. D. Doty

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Feby 24th 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned John L. Conroe to be a Justice of the Peace for the town of Conroe in the County of Mackinaw attached to the County of Crawford, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Com-

March 3[d] A.D. 1838.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned the following Officers viz: Daniel G Fenton a justice of the Peace for Dodge County; Levi P Drake a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Jefferson in the County of Jefferson, and Thomas Brayton a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Jefferson in the County of Jefferson; Waterman Field, James T Watson Dolas D Wright, and Henry A Hinkley to be Justices of the Peace for the Town of Muskego in Milwaukie County, to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

March 5[th] A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned the following officers viz: James H. Gentry Sheriff of Iowa County, Abaac Hasman Public Administrator of Racine County, and John Baugh Public Administrator of Dubuque County, to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

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March 31[st] A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned the following Officers, viz: Thomas D Finley, Samuel D Leavitt, and Curtis B Brown, to be justices of the Peace for the Town of Commerdett in Milwaukee County; James Woodworth, and John W Taylor to be justicks of the Peace for the Town and County of Washington, and Samuel Daugherty, Moris D Bennett, and Augustus Story to be Justices of the Peace for the Town of Lisbon Milwaukee County, & Henry A Hinkley major of the Third Regimental District and James Miller Adjutant of the Third Regimental District; To hold their Offices until the end of the next Sesion of the Legislative Council.

April 6[th] A.D. 1838.

On this day J. Wheelock resigned his office of Colonel of the Second Regimental district of the Militia of this Territory also Alexander J. Irwin resigned his Office of Second Lieutenant of the Cond. Company of Green Bay Rangers.

April 7[th] A.D. 1838.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned the following Officers, to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council, viz:
E. D. Hill a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Pleasant Prairie in Racine County, Christopher Douglass, Charles D Bailey, and Valmont Thomas to be Justices of the Peace for the Town of Delaware in Walworth County, George Collings, and Lyman E Bowman to be justices of the Peace

for Watertown Jefferson County, William Olney and Ephram Le... to be Justices of the Peace for Van Buren County, Samuel M... ton Lieut Colonel of the fifth Regimental District and George Hasp... Major of the fifth Regimental District.

April 9th A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned John Newman a Justice of the Peace for Sowa County. To hold his office until the end of the next Legislative Council.

April 10th A.D. 1838.

Lesdee P. Keller was this day commissioned by his Excellency the Governor Treasurer of the City of Burlington to hold his Office one year from the fifth of February last.

April 13th A.D. 1838

His Excellency Governor Dodge this day revoked the commission of Henry F Lander Sheriff of the County of Clayton, appointed on the Seventeenth day of January last, and commissioned the following officers in the county of Clayton viz: John W Griffith Sheriff in the place of Lander, Horace Bronson, William D Grant and E. R. Hill Justices of the peace; also issued a duplicate commission for the Office of Justice of the Peace in the County of Van-Buren to William Olney whose nomination was confirmed by the Council on the eighteenth day of January last.

Burlington June 11th A.D 1838.

On this day his Excellency the Governor delivered the following Message to the Legislative Assembly

Message

Fellow Citizens of the Council and House of Representatives

You are convened for the purpose of making the apportionment of representation for the House of Representatives of this Territory in conformity with the organic Law of Congress creating the Territorial government of Wisconsin and in accordance with the laws passed at the last Session of the Legislative Assembly for taking the Census or enumeration of the Inhabitants by the several Sheriffs of the different Counties in this Territory.

The Elective franchise of the people is the sacred palladium of our rights the shield and helmet of our Liberties and the foundation upon which our republican institutions must exist, all should equally participate in the advantage of representation according to numbers.

As the Legislative Assembly has been convened for special purposes it would not be proper for me to call your attention to any subjects not connected with the object for which you have met except in cases where the public good might

require your immediate action.

I have memorialized Congress at your last Session on the most important subjects connected with the growth and prosperity of the Territory, for the extension of the right of pre-emption to our meritorious and enterprising citizens. Occupants of the Public Lands, the division of the Territory, asking appropriations of Congress for the construction of harbors on our Lake Coasts, the removal of the obstructions in the Rapids of the Upper Mississippi the adjustment of our Southern boundary line with the State of Missouri, and other important measures which are now pending before Congress, the result of which will be known before your annual Session. As Congress will probably not adjourn before the fifteenth of next month I deem it my duty earnestly to recommend to the Legislative Assembly the justice and propriety of memorializing that body at an early day of your Session asking the ratification by the United States Senate of the Treaties made with the Winnebago, Sioux, and Chippewa Indians for the extinguishment of their title to the Country within the limits of this Territory.

Until recently no doubts were entertained of the ratification of the treaties in question.

From the proximity of the Winnebago Indians to our border settlements and their frequent depredations on the Stock and other property of the Inhabitants of the Territory it has been with great difficulty that the Citizens who have been injured by them could be restrained from killing them. It is a fact well known that the country owned by the Winnebago Indians, north of the Wisconsin River would be of great value to the United States as well as to the citizens of Wisconsin and is not suited to the State and condition of the Indians who claim it. From the intemperate and reckless character of the Winnebago Indians, I have no hesitation in saying unless they are removed from the country, north of the Wisconsin River difficulties will ensue between them and the Whites that will end in war.

The Winnebago Indians own a country west of the Mississippi that affords game in abundance where they could remain in peace for years. A just regard for the rights of the People of Wisconsin require that the Winnebagoes should be removed, the safety of the lives and property of our citizens demand it. Should troubles with our Indian neighbors commence it is difficult to tell where they will stop. Our recent Indian wars have been at the price of much blood and treasure, and have we not a right to expect that the representatives of a great and intelligent nation will prevent a state of things that would be ruinous to the growth and prosperity of this Territory.

The purchase of the Country from the Chippewa Indians east of the Mississippi was made for the advantage of its extensive pine forests bordering on the Chippewa and St Croix rivers, and which is considered of the first importance to the

people residing on the border of the Mississippi by affording them a
and abundant supplies of pine lumber. Mills have already be
erected in the Chippewa Country, and several hundred individu
are now employed in preparing rafts of pine lumber and should
the treaty made with the Chippewas not be ratified and the Whites
be immediately removed from the occupation of their country we may
expect that the Chippewa Indians will attack those whom they will
consider as intruders on their rights. Should the bill now pending
before the Congress of the United States for the establishment of two Land Of-
fices west of the Mississippi river become a law and should the Public
Land be offered for sale under the proclamation of the President of the
United States, during the present year many of our Citizens who
might be entitled to purchase the public lands (should the right of
preemption be extended to them) would not be prepared to pay for
their homes. I respectfully and earnestly recommend to the Legislative
Assembly the justice and propriety of memorializing the President of
the United States on this subject asking him to defer the sale of
the public lands within this Territory for one year.

The present State of the currency and the difficulty in
procuring Land Office money would justify the indulgence proposed
for the benefit of this meritorious class of our citizens who have a right
to expect that justice, and the patronage of the Government will
be extended to them.

I recommend to you gentlemen dispatch in the discharge of
your Legislative duties and you may expect my cooperation in all
measures which have for their object the public good.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

June 15th A.D. 1838

On this day was transmitted to both Houses of the Legislative As-
sembly, a communication on the subject of the election for the Seat
of Justice of Scott County with accompanying documents.

June 20th A.D. 1838.

On this day was transmitted to the House of Representatives
the documents relative to the apprehension and delivery of
Jacob Derrick and William Colley charged with murder,
to the authorities of Grant Co by M M Martin and recom-
mended the payment of two hundred dollars therefor.

On this day His Excellency Gov Dodge commissioned
James T Watson a justice of the Peace in the Town of
Muskego in Milwaukee County, not being a citizen failed
to qualify, his commission is therefore vacant.

The following resignations were this day filed in the Of-
fice of the Secretary of the Territory, viz. Marcus Clarke
Ephraim Hall justices of the Peace of Grant County, Patr

Quigley Auctioneer of Dubuque County, Ezekiel Lockwood Judge of Probate of Dubuque Co, William Brown Judge of Probate for Green County, C. J. Searle Sheriff of Van Buren County Benjamin Nye justice of the Peace for Muscatine County, Robert G Roberts justice of the Peace for Cedar County, Neal Briggs justice of the Peace for Lee County.

June 20th A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned the following officers by and with the advice and consent of the Council

James H Gentry Sheriff of Iowa County
George W Hoacox Public Administrator for Iowa County
Daniel G Fenton justice of the Peace for do do
John Newman do " " do " " "
Henry Pepper Sheriff " Grant "
Hugh R Coulter Jus Peace " do do
John R Farnsworth do do " " "
Ebben Peck " " " Dane "
Wm S Seymour Notary Public " do "
Hiram Rust Jus Peace " Grant "
Joseph Kelley do do " do "
James Riley " " " " "
Joshua Hathaway Public Administrator " Milwaukee "
William A Prentiss Jus. Peace " do "
Waterman Field do do for the Town of Muskego Milwaukee Co.
T. A. Balsen Jus. Peace for the Town of Mayvanics do "
Boswell Andrews Jus P. do " do "
Thomas S Finlay do do " " " Summerset " "
Samuel C Leavitt " " " " " " do " "
C B Brown " " " " " " " " "
James Woodworth " " " " " " Washington " "
John W Taylor " " " " " " do " "
George C Sears " " " " " " " " "
Samuel Daugherty " " " " " " Lisbon " "
Morris S Burnett " " " " " " do " "
Augustus Story " " " " " " " " "
Lyman C Brown " " for Watertown Jefferson County
Samuel C Little " " " do do
Levi Drake " " " Jefferson " "
Thomas Brayton " " " do " "
William Brown Inspector of Provisions Milwaukee Co
C & S Dill Jus. Peace for the town of Pleasant Prairie Racine "
Daniel C Burgess Jus. P for the town of Salem do "
Gilbert R Lindsay do. do do " "
Christopher Douglass, Charles S. Bailey, Salmon Shonds } Justices of the Peace for the town of Delaware Walworth County
Erastus Baily Jus P for Minominee Brown Co.

Daniel P Hubbard Jus. Peace for the Town of Howard Brown County
Lewis Porlier do do do do do do do do
Henry Jones " " " " " " Portage " "
Joseph T Fales Judge of Probate for Dubuque "
George L Bowen and George L Nightengale Auctioneers for Do "
Lyman Billows Jus. Peace for " "
Hugh L Bowen do do do " "
John Baugh Public Administrator " " "
Thaddius O Martin Notary Public " " "
James W Stone Jus. Peace " Linn "
Charles B Hutton do do " Jowa "
Moses B Church District Surveyor " Cedar "
Samuel Trowbridge Sheriff " Johnson "
Samuel McCrany Jus Peace " do "
Henry Telkner do do " " "
Henry Heffleman Sheriff " Van Buren "
Martin A Britton Jus. Peace " do "
Ephraim Gilbert do do " " "
William Hendrick " " "
Joshua Davison " " "
John McWhitecar " " "
William Haggart " Lee "
Samuel S Rogs Public Administrator " do "
V R Hopkins Justice Peace " Muscatine "
Lewis McKee do do " do "
William A Starr District Attorney " " "
Samuel Woodside Justice Peace " Slaughter "
John Bullock do do " do "
John C Ellis Sheriff " " "
W. Henry Starr Notary Public " Desmoines
Luther W Hickcox Sup Ct Com. " do "
John W Griffith Sheriff " Clayton "
Horace Brunson Justice Peace " do "
William D Grant do do " " "
E R Hill " " " " "
Joseph Mallard " " " Jackson "
George Peck " " " Clinton "
Simeon Gardner " " " do "

Military Commissions

Alexander Higginbottom Major of the Battalion District compos
of the counties of Green and Dane, Samuel M Thompson
Lieut. Colonel for the fifth Regimental District
George Hepner Major of the fifth Regimental District
Joseph A Clark Colonel of the Seventh Reg. do
James Hall Lieut Col. " " do do "
Robert Herring Major " " " " "
Henry A Hinkley do " " Third " "
James B Miller Adgt " " do " "

June 22nd A.D. 1838

James D. Kirkpatrick Captain
Isaac Jones 1st Lieut
John Howe 2nd Lieut

June 25th A.D. 1838.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned W. Heron Starr to be District Attorney for the County of Van Buren to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council, also made the following staff appointments to take effect from and after the fourth of July next.

Theodore J Irwin Aid to the Commander in Chief
Henry Conkey Judge Advocate General
Ebenezer Childs Commissary General

July 13th A.D. 1838.

On this day was issued a proclamation making the apportionment of the Representation in the Council & House of Representatives fixing the day of election and time of meeting at Madison the Seat of Government of this Territory

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July 26th A.D. 1838.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge made a requisition on the Governor of Illinois for Dr Anderson Phillips for the crime of perjury

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July 28th A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned Abner Nichols Esqr Treasurer of the Territory to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council. also William H Gardner Esqr of Milwaukee one of the aids to the Commander in Chief.

August 10th A.D. 1838.

The letter Charles Bracken resigning the Office of District Surveyor for the County of Iowa was this day received and accepted

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August 11th A.D. 1838.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned the following Officers, to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council. viz.

Charles S Legate, District Surveyor for Grant County
William Farmin Justice of the Peace do do do
Jacob H Rumble do do do do do
James H Fringle Col of the 5th Reg. Dist do do
Henry Dodge Lieut Col. do do do do
Robert R Reed Major do do do do

September 4th A.D. 1838.

His Excellency Governor Dodge this day issued the following commis
in the Militia, to hold their offices until the end of the next Session
the Council. viz.

Edmond Hinkston Captain } of the Second Company
Catlin Jalmon 1st Lieut } of Mounted Rifleme
Sylvester Warfield 2nd Lieut } of Grant County

John Rose Jus. Peace for the Town of Lake Milwaukee County
Daniel Wells Jr. Judge of Probate for Milwaukee in the Place of William
Cambell, removed from the Territory

September 13th 1838

This day the Executive of the state of Illinois made a demand for
the apprehension and delivery of Daniel Parkinson charged with
the crime of forgery in that State.

A warrant was issued for the apprehension and delivery of Dan
Parkinson to James Irwin, agent, appointed by the Executive of Illin
to receive him. The warrant was directed to the Sheriff of Iowa C

September 25th A.D. 1838.

This day the letter of John H Roundtree was received, resigning
the office of Judge of Probate for the County of Grant and fi
-led in the Secretarys Office.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned the
following Officers to hold their Offices until the end of the
next Session of the Legislative Assembly viz. Henry Wood
Judge of Probate and David Anderson Justice of the Peace

This day the Sheriff of Iowa County made return of the
warrant for the apprehension and delivery of Daniel Parkinson, to the agent
of the Executive of Illinois with this endorsement thereon (serve
The within writ as commanded Sept. 18th 1838.
So endorsed, signed James H Gentry Sheriff
by Jesse Bracken under Sheriff

October 18th A.D. 1838

His Excellency Governor Dodge on this day commissione
Thomas J. Parish a Justice of the Peace for Grant County
to hold his Office until the end of the next Session of the
Legislative Council.

October 27th A.D. 1838

On this day his Excellency Gov. Dodge commissioned the follow
Officers, to hold their Offices until the end of the next Se
of the Legislative Council viz.

Samuel Ryan Auctioneer for Brown Co
James Ryan (Inspector of Provisions a

October 27th A.D. 1838.

On this day the votes given for Delegate to Congress were canvassed in presence of the Governor, Marshall and Depty and District Attorney, and the result is as ffollowsng.

George W Jones, received 1194 votes
Thomas P Burnett do 956 do
James Duane Doty " 1764 "

The following Certificate was therefore issued

Territory of Wisconsin
Executive Department

To all whom these presents shall come greeting. This is to Certify that at an election held in the Territory of Wisconsin on the tenth day of September last in conformity with the Act of Congress establishing the Territorial Govenment thereof and the laws of the said Territory.

James Duane Doty received the highest number of votes for the office of Delegate to the Congress of the United States and is therefore declared to be duly elected in Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.
Done at Mineral Point this 27 day of October A D 1838.
Signed Henry Dodge

November 5th A.D. 1838.

On this day Governor Dodge commissioned Johnathan Arnold Esqr. Lieut. Commissioner for the County of Milwaukee in the place of Wm Hilton deceased, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Council, also commissioned Joel T Landen Justice of the Peace for the County of Iowa to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Council.

This day a proclamation was issued declaring Members elect to the next Council and House of Representa

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Nov. 14th A.D. 1838

On this day the following resignations were received and filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Territory viz. Elisha Higgins Justice of the Peace for the town of Lake Milwaukee County and Charles E Binsell Justice of the Peace for Grant County

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Nov 21st A. D. 1838.

This day pardon was granted to Lucius G Hammond Samuel Richardson and Nelson W Winchester now in confinement in the jail of Brown County for the crime of burglary.

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December 27. 1838

(On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge delivered the following Message to the Legislative Assembly. To wit)

Fellow Citizens of the Council
and House of Representatives

You are Convened under a new organization of the Legislative Assembly, in Conformity with the Provisions of the 19th Section of the act of Congress, Creating the Territory of Iowa and prescribing the form of government. The duties of this Territory I consider of the first importance to the welfare and future prosperity of both the people of Wisconsin and Iowa. From the great interest of Wisconsin before the Territory, and the Territorial interests and pursuits of her Citizens, it was difficult to enact such laws as were suited to their wants and conditions. As you become recently been elected the representatives of the People, you will bring with you a knowledge of the wants and wishes of your Constituents. To legislate for enlightened freemen is surely one of the most responsible duties that Can devolve on members of the same Community. I trust that a Spirit of harmony will govern you in the discharge of your legislative duties and that no sectional jealousies will arise to prevent that union of feeling and Concert of action, so necessary to promote the general welfare of the People of this young and prosperous Territory.

By the organic law of Congress, Creating the Territory of Iowa the members of the Council are elected for the term of two years, and for the House of Representatives for the term of one year. This provision of the organic law, Creating that Territory is more Conformant with the Spirit of our republican institutions, and the rights of the people of Wisconsin, than the election of members of the Legislative Assembly for the term of four and two years, agreeably to the provisions of the organic law Creating the Territory. It is well known that the tide of emigration flows to this Territory in the Spring and Autumnal Season of the year, and the Citizens who there arrive, and locate themselves, cannot exercise the right of suffrage till the end of the Quadrennial period in relation to the Council, and of the biennial period in relation to the House of Representatives; yet they are subject to laws enacted by a body in whose election they have no voice.

I respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly the justice and propriety of memorializing Congress, asking them to amend the organic law of this Territory, so that the Council may be Composed of members elected every second year and the House of Representatives to be Composed of members elected Annually.

At the last Session of Congress a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives, for the admission of this Territory as one of the States of this Union, which was postponed for want of time. I recommend the early action of the Legislative Assembly on that important subject. The wishes of the People of this Territory should be Consulted at an early period, and if a majority of them determine in favor of a State Government

be established. The admission of Wisconsin as one of the united and equal States of this Confederacy, at the early period it would be, from such good to her inhabitants, and her Citizens would equally participate in the enjoyment and advantages of a State government, in which the voice of the people would be the foundation of their rights. From the great extent of this Territory, the fertility of its soil, the salubrity of her Climate, with the great Lakes Michigan & Superior on the east and North, and the "Falls of rivers" on the west, with her inexhaustable treasures of minerals, composed of lead and copper, with her extensive forests of pine, and abundantly supplied with water privileges, with the commercial facility for forming a general system of internal improvements between the Mississippi and the Lakes (can include east); supported by the fostering Care of this Federative and enlightened administration; with the intelligence, industry and enterprise of her Citizens, her "march will be onward" and the time is not distant when she will form a shining link in the Chain of States, in the great valley of the Mississippi.

I respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly the passage of a law, Creating a Tax on the lands of non-residents, for the purpose of forming a fund to be applied exclusively for the establishment and support of Common Schools in this Territory, upon such a System as may be devised by the Legislative Assembly. This fund to be expended under the direction of Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose. By the 6th Section of the organic law Creating this Territory it is provided that the lands or other property of non-residents, shall not be taxed higher, than the lands or other property of residents. The power is given by Congress to the Legislative Assembly, to pass laws on all rightful subjects of legislation, not inconsistent with the organic law. The most favorable Construction should be given by the Legislative Assembly in the exercise of the powers delegated to them by Congress, that will best promote the Common good of the people of this Territory. A well digested System of Common Schools, established in this Territory, would Contribute more to the benefit of the rising generation, than any measure that Could be pursued for the Consideration of the Legislative Assembly. The benefit of such a System to the poorer Classes of the Community, would lead to that equality among the people, which is so essential to their harmony and to Consort with the Spirit of our republican institutions. The happy influence over the minds of our Citizens would promote the Cause of religion and virtue, and Cement more closely the bonds of our political union, and be instrumental of preparing the rising generation to participate in the Councils of our Common Country, as well as to enjoy and defend our free institutions from the polluting touch of aristocracy and despotism.

I respectfully recommend the appointment of a joint Committee from both houses of the Legislative Assembly, with instructions to investigate the State and Conditions of the School lands in this Territory, and to make their reports during the present Session. If the banking institutions have violated their Charters, it should

be known to the people of the Territory, and the proper steps taken to arrest a course so injurious to the best interests of the Community. On the contrary if they have acted in good faith, and not in violation of their banking privileges, it is important to their Credit that it should be known to the public. It is a well established fact that the banking Corporations have in this Territory, and do practice the most gross frauds upon the public by expanding and Contracting their issues of bank notes, at best suit the interests of bank Stockholders, and frequently by making) excessive issues of their bank notes, when they have no means of redeeming) them. From the present state of the Currency of this Territory, it would seem that a just regard for the rights of the people, required that their representatives should take such steps as will secure them a good Currency, and you may rely on my Co-operation in support of such measures as will end in effecting) that desirable object.

By an act of the Congress of the United States, approved June 12th 1838. there has been granted to this Territory and the future State of Wisconsin, for the purpose of aiding in the Construction of a Canal to unite the waters of Lake Michigan at Milwaukee, with those of Rock River, alternate sections of land, five miles on each side thereof, Containing one hundred and sixty six thousand, four hundred acres. From the liberal provision of this grant of land, it may be considered as the Commencement of a System of internal improvement under the fostering protection of the Government, which will have the most beneficial results in promoting the future welfare and prosperity of the people of Wisconsin by opening a direct Communication between the waters of Lake Michigan with those of the Mississippi by the Rock river, which is the most practicable route on route passing through a fertile region of Country, well adapted to agricultural purposes. The Completion of the Contemplated Canal will be the means by which the products of the mining region of Wisconsin can be more readily Conveyed to the eastern markets, which now take a much longer and more Circuitous route by the way of New Orleans

By the 3d section of the act of Congress, making the appropriation for the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal, it is enacted that the alternate sections and fractional sections of land which shall remain to the United States, agreeably to the first section of the act, shall not be sold for a less sum than two dollars and fifty Cents per acre, nor be subject to pre-emption. I recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of memorializing Congress, asking the extension of the right of pre-emption to all actual settlers on the line of the Canal, who would have been entitled to the benefit of a law passed at the last Session of Congress granting the right of pre-emption to occupants on the public lands. I deem it an act of justice to the settlers on the line of the Contemplated Canal, that they should be placed on the same ground, they would have occupied had they been located, within the limits of the Canal lands, and that the right of pre-emption should be granted them at the minimum price of the public lands. When they made their settlements, they no doubt believed, they would obtain

in Connexion with their fellow-Citizens in purchasing their homes at the Government price. They have had in Common with other Settlers on the public lands to encounter a series of harrassing difficulties, incident to the formation of new Settlements, they have by their energy and industry enhanced the value of the lands of the United States in the immediate vicinity of the Contemplated Canal route, and are entitled upon principles of justice as well as the usage of the Government, to the favourable Considerations of Congress. It has been the policy of the Government to extend every possible indulgence heretofore, to the occupants of the national domain. This policy is wise and just. The Government lands should be sold to the Settlers alone, graduating their price according to their value: we would there have a population, owners of the soil, attached to the republican institutions of our Country. The descendants of persons who would become a fruitful field, and where the unbroken forest now stands, we would see a free enterprising Population. Large tracts of Country in this Territory have been purchased by individual Speculators or by Companies, who permit them to lay waste until they will Command the highest prices, thereby retarding the Settlement of the Territory. The true value of the soil can only be realized by labor, and the public lands should cease to be an object of Speculation when they are to minds required for agricultural purposes.

I respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of memorializing Congress at an early day of their Session asking that the Sum of Two Hundred and fifty thousand dollars might be appropriated for the Construction of Harbors and light houses at the most important Ports on Lake Michigan. Surveys have been made by the United States Engineers, and favorably reported to the Government, showing their importance to the public and the practicability of their improvement. There is no duty on the which the Settlements on the Lake shore advance, almost the Commercial interest in that part of the Territory, and it has always been the established policy of the Government to afford every facility and protection to Commerce by diminishing as much as possible the dangers of navigation in all parts of the Country to which our Commerce is extended. The great increase of shipping upon Lake Michigan within the last two years, can be accounted for by the increased Settlements formed on the Lake border. From Chicago in the State of Illinois, to the mouth of Green Bay, is a distance of about four hundred and fifty miles by water. Yet there are no preparations for the safety of vessels on that shore. They are exposed to the varied rigours of the whole western Coast of Lake Michigan at the great risk of the lives and property of our Citizens. From the increased Commercial importance of the town of Milwaukie and its location near the Centre of the western shore of Lake Michigan, at the mouth of Milwaukie River, it becomes a harbour of refuge towards making a safe harbour, and it is now the outlet of a great extent of fertile Country, a part of which is now settled for sale by the Government of the United States, ninety two Engineer Corps estimated the entire Cost of the harbor at the

of ninety two thousand one hundred and Eighty three dollars and fifty one Cents. That amount is surely a small sum for the Construction of a Harbor at that important point, which is so necessary for the protection of the lives, and the security of the property of our Citizens. A large amount has already been remitted into the National treasury from the proceeds of the Sales of the public lands on the shores of Lake Michigan, and the public lands are again offered for Sale in the Lake Indies and it would seem if a just regard was paid to the rights of the people and the interest of the Government, that a part of the proceeds of the Sales of the public lands, should be appropriated by Congress for the Construction of harbors and light-houses on the shores of Lake Michigan

The public lands would be enhanced greatly in value thereby and increased facilities afforded emigrants in the Settlements of this Lake Country

I respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of memorializing Congress, asking a donation of one hundred and fifty thousand acres of land, to be Located, and the proceeds to be applied under the directions of the Legislative Assembly in such manner as they may direct, for the improvement of the Fox river the Rock and Peketonica rivers, and Connecting the waters of the Rock rivers, through the Four Lakes, with those of the Wisconsin river.

The improvement of the navigation of the Fox river and the Wisconsin river at the Portage, a distance of one and one fourth miles, would be the means of opening a direct and uninterrupted Communication between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi. The important results that would flow from the accomplishment of that work to the people residing on the borders of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, must be apparent. Thousands and fertile County, bordering on these rivers, would be open to the enterprising emigrant. The people of the upper Mississippi, and the extensive Settlements which are now forming on Lake Michigan and the Settlers who occupy the intermediate County, would be alike benefited. A direct Communication would be open to the readiest markets for our lead and Shot, manufactured near the Wisconsin river. The United States Engineer charged with the Survey of the Fox river has made a favorable report to Government, as to the importance and practicability of the navigation of that river. Steamboats have navigated the Wisconsin river, during the least and present Season without obstructions, as far as the Portage of the Wisconsin and Fox rivers. The Canal Commenced two years since to Connect the waters of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers was discontinued during the last Season The Company Chartered for that purpose have again resumed their operations this Season, and the early completion of that important work may be expected. In my message to the Legislative Assembly in 1836, I called their attention to the important subject of Internal Improvements, and I now repeat a few remarks then made at that time on the subject of Connecting the waters of Rock river with those of Wisconsin. "The improvement of the navigation of Rock river, I consider, a subject of vital importance to the future prosperity of this Territory. This river traverses a large extent of fertile County, and

appropriation by Congress would be sufficient to remove the obstru
in its navigations. It is known, from the outlet of the Four Lakes
that discharges itself into the Rock river, it is not more than twelve
miles by land; and from the Fourth Lake not more than sixteen
miles to the Wisconsin river. Indians have frequently descended
in Canoes six hundred from the Fourth Lake to the Wisconsin riv
. The great advantage of this inland Communication must be appare
it would greatly enhance the national domain in that part of the Te
and increase the values of land purchased by individuals from the Govern

The location of Madison the Capitol of Wisconsin between the thi
and fourth lakes is the best evidence of the importance of this part of
Wisconsin. The opening a direct water Communication between
the Rock & Wisconsin rivers, would be of the first importance to the
growth and prosperity of Madison and the Country adjacent.
The improvement of the navigation of the Fox, Rock & Petetourica
and the Connected navigation of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and
uniting the waters of the Rock river with those of the Wisconsin thr
the Four Lakes, is a subject of great interest and of vital importance
the future growth and prosperity of Wisconsin. The practicability of the
improvement of the navigation of the rivers, by means of a small appropri
from Congress, will be readily admitted by all who are acquainted w
and have a minute knowledge of the Country through which they pas

I have presumed to the Legislative Assembly to ask of Congre
a donation of land, believing the Government would more readily ap
priate land than money. From the extent of the grant of land made
the Government for opening the Wabash and Erie Canal, I con
that donation of land as establishing a precedent that would have
a favorable bearing, in the action of Congress on that subject. Should
the representatives of the people desire a different plan to obtain the
appropriations from Congress, for the completion of this important objec
I have presented for their Consideration, they will have my most hea
Concurrence.

I respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the propri
of memorializing Congress, asking that the sum of one hundred thou
dollars may be appropriated for the removal of the obstructions to the
navigation of the Mississippi at the upper and lower rapids. This
important work was not Commenced this season at a low stage of the
rivers, and but little progress made towards its Completion. The
appropriations heretofore made by Congress, have been entirely too
small. Considering the importance of this work. Twenty thousand
dollars was the whole amount appropriated by Congress, at their
last Session, for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi
above the mouth of the Missouri. At the last Session of Congress, the
sum of seven millions six hundred and sixty two thousand dollars
was appropriated for the improvement of Harbors and rivers, and
the erection of works, for the security and protection of navigation.
No appropriation was made by Congress, for the Construction of Harbo
and light houses, in this Territory. More than two millions of pou
of lead is shipped annually over the upper Mississippi Rapids, from

the land mineral of Wisconsin. It is well known that the greatest part of this description of iron, for the inhabitants residing in the head-region of Rivers, passes through rapids during the four months when the river is generally at its lowest stage. The inhabitants of the Counties bordering on the Mississippi in this Territory, are greatly interested in the removal of the obstructions to navigation in the Upper Mississippi. The delay in lightening steam-boats, to enable them to pass those rapids at a low stage of the river, and the loss of property, is believed to be equal to fifteen per cent. This deducted on the whole amount shipped. It is not alone the people of this Territory, who are interested in the completion of this important work. The people of the Territory of Iowa and the State of Illinois are equally interested.

At the last session of Congress, one thousand dollars was appropriated for the construction of a Territorial Road from Milwaukie by the way of Madison to a point on the Mississippi in this Territory, opposite to Du Buque in the Territory of Iowa.

The sum of two thousand dollars was appropriated by Congress for surveying and marking the most eligible route for a Rail Road between Milwaukie and the Mississippi. The construction of a road from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi would be productive of the most beneficial effects, and the settlement of this Territory would be greatly facilitated; its agricultural mineral and Commercial resources would be better developed; and the transportation of the munitions of war, which in the present state of the roads cannot be transmitted with expedition or regularity. A good road would greatly facilitate the march or movement of troops and the transportation of the necessary munitions of war, from our Lake border to our most exposed frontier on the Mississippi, should it become necessary to meet a savage enemy.

I recommend at the present session of the Legislative Assembly the appointment of Commissioners, Competent to revise the laws of this Territory. A part of the laws of Michigan since the organization of the Territorial government of Wisconsin, have been repealed. At the last session of the Legislative Assembly more than one hundred laws of a general and local nature, were enacted, many of them enacted from the Codes of the different States of the Union, and from a failure in printing them at a proper time, the people have been compelled to remain in ignorance of the laws now in force.

Why a resolution of the Legislative Assembly a part of the Michigan laws were ordered to be printed and distributed throughout this Territory. This portion would have embraced the most important laws from the Michigan Statutes now in force. It will require professional men of legal attainments to revise the laws, and a liberal Compensation should be made them, to obtain that description of legal talent necessary for the discharge of that arduous and responsible duties that would devolve upon them.

At the close of the adjourned session of the Legislative Assembly a Contract was made by a Committee appointed for the printing of the laws and resolutions, passed at the Annual sessions of the Legislative

Assemblies of 1836-7-8, and the laws passed at the adjourned Session with Revision acts detailed from others now in force, contained in a resolution of the Legislative Assembly approved the 19th of January, 1838. The laws by Contract are to be printed in two volumes, and fifteen hundred Copies are to be delivered to the agent of the Legislative Assembly within Seventy days from the 30th June last. I recommend the appointment of an agent on the part of this Territory with instructions to repair to Burlington, the present Seat of Government for the Territory of Iowa, to receive the laws of this Territory, if printed, that they may be distributed in such a manner as the Legislative Assembly may direct.

I respectfully invite the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the claims of the miners in the lead mine region, on the justice and liberality of the Government in extending to them the right of pre-emption in the purchase of their mineral lots. I will repeat at this time my views on that subject, as delivered in my message to the Legislative Assembly in 1836. "I would suggest the propriety of granting Miners, as to the justice of granting to all the miners who have obtained the ascertained mineral grounds under the regulations of the Superintendant of the United States' lead mines either by discovery or purchase, the right of pre-emption in the purchase of their mineral lands at the minimum price of the public lands. By the persevering industry of the miners the lead mines have greatly increased in value. They have been in many, many of them the brave defenders of the mining region of Country. They were invited by the Government through her agents, to explore and work the United States mines. That meritorious Class of the Community have strong Claims on the justice and liberality of the Government, that I trust will not be withheld from them. By selling the United States lead mines without a reservation becoming the rights of Miners. They would be deprived of valuable mineral grounds in this extensive lead region of Country."

Important treaties have been made during the last year with the Chippeway, Sioux, and Winnebago Indians, by which extensive districts of Country have been ceded to the United States, which is of the first importance to the growth and prosperity of Wisconsin, as well as for the peace and safety of our exposed and extensive frontiers. The proximity of the Winnebago Indians to our border settlements, renders the extinguishment of their title to the Country east of the Mississippi, and their removal west of that River highly desirable, for the first reasons. Should relieve the frontiers settlers from the intrusion of the Indians, and be themselves of benefiting the Indians themselves, by removing them from near our Settlements. The annuities paid by the U. States to the Chippeway, Sioux, and Winnebago Indians will have a salutary effect in restraining them from committing acts of hostility on our border settlements. Knowing that a violation of their treaty stipulations would be the means of forfeiting their Annuities, upon which they place great reliance.

I would respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of memorializing Congress asking an appropriation to extinguish the title of the Menominee Indians to their Country lying on the Fox river, from the mouth of the Wolf river to the portage of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. The United States owned there now the whole extent of the Country lying on both sides of the Fox river, which would facilitate the improvement of the navigation of that river, and the Indian title would be extinguished to a valuable tract of Country that would admit of a dense settlement.

I respectfully recommend to the early action of the Legislative Assembly in dividing the Territory into three judicial districts, and the assignment of the Judges to their respective Judicial districts.

The formation of three Judicial Districts in this Territory in the place of two, will produce a change of time in holding the terms of the Several Courts. The due administration of Justice requires the early organization of the Judicial Districts in this Territory. The lives, liberty, and property of all Classes of the Community depends upon the due, speedy and impartial administration of the laws.

At the last Annual Session I recommended to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of addressing a memorial to the new Department of the Government, asking a supply of arms for the use of three new Companies, and for the militia of this Territory. In a Communication addressed by the Secretary of war to our Delegate in Congress informing him that he had enclosed him a report of the Colonel of Ordinance on so much of the memorial of the Citizens of Wisconsin as relates to the supply of arms, they desire may be furnished the Territory, the Secretary of War states as follows:— "This Department will cause the necessary armament to be deposited at Ports convenient to the Territory, subject to the orders of the Government in Case of emergency".

At the last Annual Session of the Legislative Assembly, the laws generally for the government of the militia were repealed, and from a failure in printing them. I deem it unnecessary to order a muster of the militia this fall, a Court martial, for the trial of delinquents Could not act, without laws for their government—

Nov. 26. 1838.

On this day the following resignations were visited and accepted, viz. Daniel Wells Jun. Office of Judge of Probate for Milwaukee County; Simeon Mills, office of Justice of Peace for the County of Dane.

Nov. 30.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge commissioned Sylvester W. Dunbar, by & with the advice and consent of the Council, Judge of Probate for the County of Milwaukee - to hold his office for the time of four years from the date hereof.

The following Proclamation was this day issued:—

Henry Dodge, Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, it is provided, in the third Section of an act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, entitled "An act to organize the County of Walworth, and to establish the seat of Justice thereof," approved January 17, 1838, that the qualified voters of the said County shall, at the next general election in said County after the passage of the said act, by their votes select one of the places, named in the second Section of the said act, as the permanent seat of justice of said County; and Whereas, it is further provided in the Eighth Section of the said act that when either of the aforesaid places shall receive a majority of all the votes given, the returns thereof shall be made and certified by the inspectors of the boards of election in said County to the Clerk of the District Court of the County of Racine, and certified by the said Clerk to the Governor of the Territory, who shall issue his proclamation declaring the result, and the place fixed by the vote of the people of Walworth County as the seat of justice thereof; And Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of the said act an election was held on the tenth day of September last, and the returns thereof made and certified by the canvassers of the boards of elections to the Clerk of the District Court of the County of Racine, and certified by the said Clerk to me, from which it appears that the town of Elkhorn received a majority of the whole number of votes given; Now therefore, in consideration of the premises aforesaid, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Congress of the United States, I do hereby declare the said town of Elkhorn to be the place fixed by the vote of the people of Walworth County, as the seat of justice thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Given under my hand at Madison, the Seat of Government, this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Signed Henry Dodge

L. S.

By the Governor
Wm. B. Slaughter
Sec. Wis. Ter.

Dec. 9th 1838.

On this day His Excellency William Barlow, of the Office of ... was received & accepted.

Dec. 10th.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, commissioned the following persons, viz:

Edmund Dale, Wm. Hodge, Legate, 4 years } Racine County.
Reuben M. Heaning, Justice of Peace, 4 years }
Sheldon Thompson, Sheriff, 3 years from 1st Jany 1839 } Walworth County
Le Grand Rockwell, Notary Public pro tem. }
Isaac N. Palmer, Justice of Peace, 4 years, County of Dane.

Dec. 12th.

On this day His Excellency, Governor Dodge, commissioned, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, the following:-

Daniel W. King, Auctioneer, 2 years }
Samuel Ryder, Do, do } Brown County
Samuel Ryan, Insp. of Provis. 3 years }
Joseph G. Knapp, Justice of Peace, 4 years }

Dec. 15th.

On this day His Excellency, Governor Dodge, commissioned, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, the following:-

Abner Nichols, Treasurer of the County; }
Charles C. Legate, District Surveyor, 4 years, Iowa County
Samuel Hollingshead, Dist. Surveyor, 4 years }
Joseph Griffin, Judge of Probate, 4 years }
Charles W. Baker, Dist. Attorney }
Henry Phoenix, Insp. Court Com. } Walworth County
Jedediah Sprague }
William Bowman }
Freeman Hibbard } Justices of Peace, 4 years }
Christopher Douglass }
Benjamin Dale }
Henry Wood, Judge of Probate, 4 years }
E. A. Baker } Justices of Peace, 4 years } Grant County
Hiram Brandon }
John Bullen, Justice of the Peace, 4 years, Racine County.

Dec. 21st.

On this day, His Excellency, Governor Dodge commissioned, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, the following:-

William F. Sterling, Librarian for the Territory;
Jonathan E. Arnold, Asst. Quarter Commissioner, } Milwaukee County
Clinton Walworth, Secretary to Territory, }
John Vose, Justice of the Peace.

January 22nd 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge delivered the following message to the Legislative Assembly. Viz:

Fellow Citizens of the Council
and House of Representatives

Now being convened at the seat of the Territorial Government, agreeably to your adjournment for the purpose of resuming your legislative duties. At the Commencement of the last session of the Legislative Assembly. I recommended for your Consideration such measures as I believed would best promote the present and future prosperity of the people of Wisconsin. As your time will be principally occupied in the Completion of the unfinished business of your late session, and from the limited period prescribed by the organic law of Congress for holding the sessions of the Legislative Assembly in this Territory. I deem it not necessary at this time to call your attention to any other subjects except those embraced in my late message, with the exception of our relations with the Winnebago Indians to which I would respectfully invite the attention of the Legislative Assembly.

Since your adjournment I have received several written Communications. dated on the 14th inst. from Watertown Jefferson County. stating that the Winnebago Indians have been for this last month Collecting into a body at or near Hoshis' Rapids on the upper Rock river in Dodge County, that they are committing depredations on the property of the inhabitants, and have made threats that they would drive them from their homes; that one hundred Winnebago Indians passed Watertown about the first instant, and that two thirds of them were provided with rifles, pistols and knives, that they had recently erected a large building on Rock river, said to be eighty feet in length. that would Contain three hundred persons. and that the Indians themselves stated that from three to four hundred lodges Crossed the upper Mississippi and in ten days would be in the upper Rock river. It is also stated that the Citizens of that part of the Territory are now in a State of alarm, and that they believe their lives may be endangered.

The Winnebago Indians Ceded to the United States the Rock river County in September 1832. and although they were by express treaty stipulations, bound to leave their County, they have Continued to occupy it. Contrary to their treaty and to the great injury and annoyance of the inhabitants. Settled on the borders of the Rock river.

In a Communication addressed to the Commissioner of Indian affairs on the 19th ultimo, I expressed my views as to the removal of the Winnebago Indians from the north to the west of the Mississippi. By the 3rd article of the treaty made at the City of Washington on the 1st day of November 1837. never before observed on the 1st March 1838. the Winnebago Indians agreed to leave the Country ceded to the United States, in eight months from the

of February, & by treaty, which cannot be ratified before the 12th of February next. I have recently recommended to the War Department the suspension and necessity of posting recruited companies at Fort Winnebago. I respectfully recommended to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of memorializing the Secretary of War, requesting that at least four companies of the Mounted Rangers, now stationed at the lead mines, should be ordered to Fort Winnebago, for the purpose of collecting the Winnebago Indians and forwarding them to their reservation from the east to the west of the Mississippi; and I have suggested the propriety of memorializing the War Department, requesting that one thousand stand of arms, one half rifles and the others muskets, with a fixed ammunition, be sent for them. Should be forwarded to Fort Crawford as early in the season as the navigation of the Mississippi will permit; the arms to be subject to my order in case of emergency.

These precautionary measures I deem of the first importance to ensure the removal of the Winnebago Indians early in the Spring, to prevent intrusions on the property of the persons settled, and to prevent trouble with the Indians on our borders, and unless the Government takes the proper steps for their removal early in the Spring, I will assume the responsibility of ordering a sufficient force (and head them in person) sufficient to effect their removal from this Territory, with this force am acting and instigating the Winnebago Indians to remain east of the Mississippi, for we regard them here for the Indians themselves, but for the purpose of defending them out of their annuities; and I know no restrictions are expelling my opinion that unless the necessary precautions are made to remove the Winnebago Indians, they will not leave the Country they now occupy; and to prevent trouble with them, mounted troops are absolutely necessary to effect their removal. Nothing would have a tendency more to retard the growth and prosperity of this Territory than Indian disturbances. and to prevent intrusions on our border settlements. and difficulties with the Indians, it is proper to be prepared for any emergency. The frontier Citizens of Wis consin have a right to expect protection from the Government in the quiet enjoyment of their homes and property. and if that protection is not afforded them, this & precautionary places them in a situation to oblige them to act for themselves.

I trust Gentlemen the utmost harmony & good feeling will exist in your official intercourse. The representatives of the people will have my Co-operation in effect of such measures as will promote the welfare, prosperity & happiness of the Citizens of this Territory

(Signed) Henry Dodge

Woodbee Harrison, Auctioneer for Milwaukee County;
Lucius C. Darling } Justices of Peace for Fond du Lac County } Attached to Brown County
Calvin Pease }
Benjamin L. Gibbs } Justices of Peace for Sheboygan County }
Lemuel Farnsworth }
William Farmin }
Nathan G. Ford, Justice of the Peace for Rock County
David F. Anderson } Justices of the Peace for Grant County
Thomas S. Parish }
William N. Dennis, Justice of Peace for Dodge County, attached to Milwaukee
George S. Goodhue, Notary Public for Jefferson County, attached to Milwaukee
David D. Wells } Auctioneers for Racine County
Elisha McKinney }
Lofin Thomas } Auctioneers for Crawford County
Joseph Bisbois }
James McKenzie, Colonel } 5th Reg. District, Grant County
Darwin Colton Lieut Col. }
Robert R. Read Major }
Edward Hunlston Captain } 2nd Comp'y. Mounted Rifles, Grant County
Cutler Salmon 1st Lieut }
Sylvester Warfield 2nd Lieut }

Jany. 2. 1839.

On this day the letter of William Wilson, resigning the Office of Sheriff of Crawford County, was received and accepted.

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge commissioned Ezekiel Painter Sheriff of Crawford County, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

Jany 28.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, commissioned the following:-

George W. Skinner, Just. of Peace, for the County of Milwaukee; &
Lofin Britton, Auctioneer for the County of Iowa.

Jany 30.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, commissioned the following:-

Francis Hall } Justices of Peace } for Iowa County;
James W. McMurtry }
Porter Brace Notary Public }
Charles L. Stephenson } Justices of Peace for Grant County
Samuel M. Bashford }
Jonathan Hinkley }
George Wright }
Alonzo Raymond } Justices of Peace for Brown County & for
William Dearborn } Counties attached thereto, &c.
Benjamin Jones }

H. C. Ingersoll
Elisha Pixley
William Farmin
David Giddings
O. E. Strong.
} Justices of Peace for Brown County, &c

Feby 11. 1839.

On this the letter of Lyman E. Barnum, resigning the office of Justice of the Peace for the County of Jefferson, was received and accepted.

Feby 18th.

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, commissioned the following:-

James R. Estes, Justice of the Peace for Grant County;

Charles Hart
Jeremiah B. Gaudet
Timothy W. Wainwright
James H. Rogers
Chauncey L. Peak
Joshua Hathaway
Samuel Sanborn
John G. Smith
} of Milwaukee

Justices of Peace for Milwaukee County.

Gordon G. Cox
James Hopman
} of Mukwago

Jewell Andrews
Andrew Schofield
} of Waguango

Hannanus Van Vleck
Frederick B. Otis
} of Lisbon

Daniel W. Patterson, of Lake
Talbot C. Dousman, of Summit

Feby 9th

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and Consent of the Council, commissioned the following:-

Hervey Miller
John V. Leydam
Francis McCarty
Reuben Field
Isaac Bryon
Louis Porlier
Charles A. Grignon
William Sylvester
Charles C. P. Arndt
D. W. King
Jacob McKinney
Peter B. Grignon, Notary Public.
Jacob McKinney, Auctioneer

} Justices of Peace Brown County

Feby 11th.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, commissioned the following:-

Reuben H. Denning, Asst. Count Commissioner for Racine County;
Henry B. Welch, Justice of the Peace for Lowa County;
Ezekiel Peirce, Sheriff for Crawford County.

Feby 15th.

On this day, His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, commissioned the following:-

Bennett Atwood, Justice of the Peace for Grant County;
Isaac C. Lyon, Justice of Peace for town of Lake, Milwaukee County;
Joseph M. Brown
Hiram Moore
Almeran Hackett
Hiram Allen
Christopher Bowen
} Justices of the Peace for Crawford County

Feby 20th.

On this day His Excellency, Governor Dodge issued the following proclamation:-

Henry Dodge, Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin:

A Proclamation.

Whereas, by an act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, entitled "An act to repeal so much of an act entitled 'An act to divide the County of Lowa, as establishes the seat of justice of the County of Green at New Diggings, and to provide for the location of the seat of justice of the County of Green", approved December 19th 1838, James L. Thayer, J. P. Ostrander, and George Hiscock were appointed Commissioners to to locate and establish the Seat of justice of the County of Green, who were required, so soon as the said location should be made in the manner prescribed by said act, to make report of the same to the Clerk of the board of County Commissioners of said County of Green; to be by him recorded, and a certificate thereof made to the Governor of the Territory; whereupon, the Governor was directed to issue his proclamation declaring the place so selected to be the seat of justice of said County; And Whereas, the Clerk of the board of County Commissioners of said County of Green did on the sixteenth day of February inst, in accordance with the report made to him by the Commissioners, associated as aforesaid, certify to me that the said Commissioners had located the said seat of justice on the East half of the North-east quarter of Section twenty five (25) in town two (2) north, of Range seven (7) east, at a point designated by a Stake driven by them on said east half of the north east quarter:

Now therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the above recited act, and in consideration of the foregoing premises, I do hereby declare the said place, so selected as above described, to be the seat of justice of the said County of Green.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my

and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed.

L. S.

Done at Madison this, twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

By the Governor

Feby 21st 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, commissioned the following:-

John G. Conroe, Justice of the Peace for Brown County;

Francis J. Bennett, Justice of the Peace, for the Town of Lake, in the County of Milwaukee;

Charles M. Baker, Supreme Court Commissioner for the County of Walworth;

John Williams
Elihu B. Goodell
Alonzo D. Mills
Armistead W. Lloyd
James Perkins } Justices of the Peace for Iowa County;

Coe Garratt
Henry Wood } Justices of the Peace for Grant County.

March 4th.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, commissioned the following

Hand Crocker, Register
John H. Tweedy, Receiver
Lemuel W. Weeks, Act'g Commiss'r
Alex. M. Mitchell, Chief Engineer } Milwaukee & Rock River Canal

March 6th.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, commissioned the following:-

Hiram F. Brittaine
John Richards
John L. Gilman
Daniel W. Kellogg } Justices of the Peace for the County of Jefferson.

Peter V. Brown, Justice of the Peace for the County of Dodge.

Ezra A. Hall, Justice of the Peace for the County of Grant.

Samuel Y. Walton
George W. Hunter } Justices of the Peace for the Town of Muskego, in the County of Milwaukee.

March 7th.

On this day the letter of Marshall M. Strong, resigning the office of Master in Chancery and Supreme Court Commissioner for the County of Racine, was received and accepted.

March 8th 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council commissioned the following:-

Horace White, Judge of Probate
Lucius G. Fisher, Sheriff.
Daniel F. Kimball, Dist. Attorney
Samuel B. Cooper, Asst. Count Commis.
Charles M. Nelson, Dist. Surveyor.
Horace Hobart } Justices of the Peace
Samuel G. Colley } Justices of the Peace
Alfred A. Field } Notaries Public
Guy Stoughton } Notaries Public
} In the County of Rock

Ezra Mead } Justices of Peace for County of Walworth:
Soldon Powers } Justices of Peace for County of Walworth:

Lorenzo Vanes, Master in Chancery } For the County of Racine:
Thomas Wright, Asst. Count Commis. } For the County of Racine:

James S. Albin, Justice of the Peace for Crawford County:

Milo M. Prentice, Justice of the Peace for Grant County.

March 11th.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, commissioned the following:

Madison C. Darling, Justice of the Peace for Brown County.
J. P. Brown, Justice of the Peace for Dodge County, attached to Milwaukee for judicial purposes.

March 23rd.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following:

Proclamation.

Whereas the Congress of the United States did by an act, approved the 18th day of June, 1838, entitled "An Act to grant a quantity of land to the Territory of Wisconsin to aid in opening a Canal to connect the waters of Lake Michigan with those of Rock river," grant certain lands to said Territory of Wisconsin to be sold under the direction of the Legislature thereof, upon giving three months previous notice of such sale; And whereas, the Legislative Assembly of said Territory did, by an Act approved the 26th day of February, 1839, entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal," direct that so much of the lands granted as aforesaid, as shall be entered & registered by the Commissioners of said Canal as reserved or improved lands, shall be offered at public sale on the 4th monday of June, 1839, in case the said Canal shall be so soon located, and the lands appropriated therefor designated and set off by the Secretary of the Treasury, and that the Governor of said Territory, shall, three months previous to any sale of said canal lands, give notice thereof by proclamation.

Now therefore, in pursuance of said acts, notice is hereby given that on the 4th Monday of June 1839, in case the said Canal shall be so located, and the lands appropriated therefor designated and set off by

Secretary of the Treasury, will be heard at Public Sale to the highest bidder under the direction of the Register and Receiver of said Canal, at Milwaukee, all the tracts of said Canal lands entered and registered by the Commissioners of said Canal as occupied or improved Canal lands.

Given under my hand, and to which I have caused to be affixed the great seal of the Territory of Wisconsin, at Belmont Point, this 23rd day of March, 1839.

L. S.

/Signed/ Henry Dodge

March 27. 1839.

On this day the letter of Henry Mespersmith, resigning the Office of Judge of Probate for the County of Iowa, was received and accepted.

This day His Excellency, Governor Dodge, ~~by and with the advice~~ commissioned Darley Eaton, Judge of Probate for the County of Iowa, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Council.

Also, appointed John H. Rountree, of the County of Grant, an aid to the Commander in Chief, with the rank of Colonel.

Mar. 30.

On this day the letter of Henry Baird, resigning the office of Attorney General of the Territory, was received and accepted.

This day His Excellency, Governor Dodge, commissioned H. N. Wells Esq. of Milwaukee, Attorney General of the Territory, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

Also, issued the ~~following~~ proclamation on the 19th inst., ~~viz.~~ offering a reward of One hundred dollars for the apprehension of a certain George Evans, a fugitive from the justice of Crawford County, Charged with the Crime of wilful Murder.

April 13th 1839.

On this day the letter of William N. Gardner, resigning the Office of District Attorney for the County of Milwaukee, was received and filed.

This day His Excellency, Governor Dodge commissioned Jonathan E. Arnold, District Attorney for the County of Milwaukee, to hold his Office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

April 15th.

On this day the letter of George W. Pine, resigning the Office of Justice of the Peace for the County of Crawford, was received & filed.

This day His Excellency, Governor Dodge commissioned John Thomas, Justice of the Peace for the County of Crawford, to hold the office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

April 25th.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, issued the following Proclamation, viz:-

Henry Dodge,

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin:

To the Sheriff of the County of Iowa:

Whereas, it has been represented to me by the Honorable, the District Court for the County of Iowa, Charles Dunn, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, presiding: That, at the September term of said District Court, A. D. 1838, a judgment was rendered in favour of the United States against Moses Meeker, in a process of attachment for contempt in not attending as a grand juror at the April term thereof, A. D. 1838, "that the said Meeker do pay a fine of twenty dollars with costs"; And, whereas it has been further represented to me that it has since been made to appear to the said Court that the said Meeker did attend at said April term, but was not called as a juror; and the said Court, having no relief in the premises to give, have recommended that the whole of said judgment and costs be remitted to the said Meeker.

Now therefore, in consideration of the foregoing premises, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Congress of the United States, I do hereby remit to the said Moses Meeker the whole of the said judgment for fine and costs, and direct that he may be fully discharged from the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

L. S.

Done at Mineral Point this twenty fourth day of April, A. D. 1839.

/ Signed / Henry Dodge

April 27th 1839.

On this day His Excellency, Governor Dodge commissioned the following persons to office in the County of Jefferson, to hold the same until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council, viz:

Alvin Foster, Sheriff;
John Richards, District attorney;
Dwight Foster, Judge of Probate;
Milo Jones, District Surveyor;
Horace Churchill, Edward N. Foster, Edmund M. Sexton, and Thomas Brayton, Auctioneers.

The letter of ~~resignation~~ Franklin B. Moore, resigning the office of District Attorney for the County of Grant, was this day received and accepted.

April 29th.

On this day His Excellency, Governor Dodge, commissioned the following persons to office, to hold the same until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council, viz:—

Joel Allen Barber, District Attorney for the County of Grant: and
Volney French, Notary Public for the County of Racine.

The letter of Ezekiel Churchill Esq, resigning his seat as a member of the House of Representatives from the County of Milwaukee, was this day received and accepted.

On this day the bond of the Commissioners for the erection of the public buildings at Madison, elected under the late act of the Legislative Assembly, was approved by His Excellency Governor Dodge, and filed.

May 1st.

On this day His Excellency, Governor Dodge, issued the following proclamation, viz:—

Henry Dodge,
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin:
To the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee:

Whereas, it is provided in the 19th [illegible] 22nd Sections of an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 7th 1839. that when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly by death resignation or otherwise, the governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County, a district in which such vacancy shall happen, commanding him to notify the several Judges of elections, in the said County or district, to hold an election to fill such vacancy. And whereas a vacancy has occurred in the district Composed of the Counties of Milwaukee and Washington, by the resignations of Ezekiel Churchill Esq. late member of the House of Representatives from said district

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws of the Territory, and in Consideration of the foregoing premises

I Henry Dodge Governor of the said Territory, have ordered this
election, and do hereby notify the several Judges of elections in the
said district to hold an election to fill said vacancy, at the time of
the next general election to take place on the first Monday of August
next.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused
L.S. the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed
Done at Mineral Point this first day of May in the year of
our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty nine
(Signed) Henry Dodge

By the Governor
Governs. Commission

Martin Van Buren
President of the United States of America
To all who shall see these presents Greeting

Know ye that reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity and ability of Henry Dodge, I have nominated and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate do appoint him Governor in and over the Territory of Wisconsin, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to law. And to have and to hold the said office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to that office belonging, for the term of four years from the 3d day of July next.

In testimony whereof I have caused these Letters to be made
L.S. Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.
Given under my hand at the City of Washington the ninth day
of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred
and thirty nine, and of the independence of the United States
of America, the sixty third.

By the President (Signed) M. Van. Buren
John Forsyth Secretary of State

Territory of Wisconsin ss.

I Henry Dodge do solemnly swear that
I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, and
well and truly discharge the duties of Governor of the Territory of
Wisconsin, and to the best of my knowledge and abilities, and
faithfully demean myself in said office, so help me God.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 8th day of July A.D. 1839
Henry D. Welch Justice of the Peace of Iowa County

May 1st 1839

This day the resignation of Elam Peck as Justice of the Peace for the County of Iowa, was received Accepted and filed.

May 18th 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following Persons to Office, to hold the same until the end of the next Session of

Legislative Council Viz.

Lyman M. Warren Justice of the Peace } In the County of Crawford
Lyman M. Warren Notary Public

William W. Seymour Justice of the Peace
Nathaniel Pattison Sheriff
George P. Delafield District Attorney.
Isaac Atwood Public Administrator. } In the County of Dane
John S. Wilcox Auctioneer
John Catlin District attorney.

May. 20th 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following proclamation Viz:

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
A Proclamation
To all whom it may Concern Greeting

Whereas it is provided by an act of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory entitled "An act to provide for (and) establishing the Seat of Justice of Green County approved March 9th. 1839 that "for the purpose of permanently establishing the Seat of Justice of said County, an election shall be held on the first Monday of May next (after the passage of said act) a Certificate of the same of which shall be transmitted to the Governor of the Territory within five days thereafter, and if upon examination he shall find that any one point voted for had a majority over all the places voted for, he shall issue his proclamation to that effect and the place so having the greatest number of votes shall from the date of such proclamation be the Seat of Justice of said County, And if upon an examination of the votes, the Governor shall find that no one place had a majority of the whole number of votes polled and returned to him, he shall issue a proclamation for a new election in said County,
And whereas an election was held at the time herein before mentioned and a Certificate of the result of said election was transmitted, from which it appears that no one point voted for, had a majority over all the other places voted for.

Now therefore in Consideration of the foregoing premises, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, I do hereby issue this Proclamation, directing that for the establishing the Seat of Justice of said County, a second election be held on the Eighteenth day of June next. the said election to be conducted and the returns thereof made in the same manner as the first election

L.S. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.
Done at Mineral Point. this fourteenth day of May A.D. 1839.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

May 25th 1839

On this day the certification of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Milwaukee that Lucius S. Parker a member of the House of Representatives from that County, have filed his acceptation in that office, was read and filed,

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge issued a Commission to David Southwick as Justice of the Peace for the County of Iowa in the room of John Williams removed from the Territory

May 27th 1839

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge, Commissioned the following persons, to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council. To wit.

Isaac Rice Justice of the Peace for the County of Rock
Aaron Reed ditto ditto — Milwaukee
William Bell ditto ditto " Walworth

June 6th. 1839.

On this day the following resignations were received accepted and filed Viz
Marshall M Strong member of Council Racine County
Henry Munson member of H of Representatives Milwaukee County.
Marshall M. Strong District Attorney Racine County.

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge issued Commissions to the following persons. to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Viz:-

Thomas Wright District Attorney. Racine County.
Noah Phelps. District Attorney. Green County
Henry Brown Justice of the Peace. Iowa County.
Andrew Smith Justice of the Peace for the town of Milwaukee in the County of Milwaukee.

June 7th. 1839.

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge issued the following Proclamations Viz:-

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
To the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee

Whereas it is provided in the 19th and 22nd Sections of an act entitled "An act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 7th 1839. That when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly by the resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a Writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or District in which such vacancy shall happen commanding him to notify the several judges of Elections in the said County or District to hold an election to fill such vacancy, And Whereas vacancies have occurred in the District Composed of the Counties of Milwaukee and Washington, by the resignation of Lucius S. Parker and Henry E. Munson, late members of the House of Representatives

Seventh District.

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Territory, I have ordered and directed the Judges of Elections in the several Districts, to hold an election to fill said vacancies, at the time of the next general election to take place on the first Monday of August next.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed.

L.S. Done at Mineral Point this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and thirty nine

(Signed) Henry Dodge

By the Governor

(Signed) Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

To the Sheriff of the County of Racine

Whereas it is provided in the 4th Sec. 22nd Section of an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An act to provide for an early territorial election" approved March 7th. 1839. That when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly by death resignations or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or district in which such vacancy shall happen, commanding him to notify the several Judges of elections in the said County or district to hold an election to fill such vacancy, and Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the District Composed of the County of Racine, by the resignation of Marshall M. Strong late member of the Council from said District

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Territory, and in Consideration of the foregoing premises. I Henry Dodge Governor of the said Territory, have thought fit to issue this writ of election directing you to notify the several Judges of elections in the said district, to hold an election to fill such vacancy, at the time of the next general election to take place on the first Monday of August next.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed.

L.S. Done at Mineral Point this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and thirty nine

(Signed) Henry Dodge

June 12th 1839

((In the name of His Excellency Governor Dodge I Commission Henry Merrell Clerk of Racine County Wisconsin Territory to be a Justice of the Peace for the town of Racine in the County of Milwaukee, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council))

June 19th 1839

On this day the Governor issued to Stivan Moore, on the 18th February last as Justice of the Peace for the County of Crawford a commission and a new Commission issued to Hazen Moore for the same office. to hold the same until the end of the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

June 22d 1839

On this day the resignation of William Shew a member of the House of Representatives from the County of Milwaukee was received and filed

June 25th 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation. Viz.

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
To the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee.

Whereas it is provided in the 19th and 22nd Sections of an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 7. 1839 — That when any vacancy shall happen in the office of Members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly, by death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or district in which such vacancy shall happen, Commanding him to notify the Judges of election in the said County or district to hold an election to fill such vacancy, And whereas a vacancy has occurred in the District Composed of the Counties of Milwaukee and Washington by the resignation of William Shew late member of the House of Representatives from said District

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Territory, and in Consideration of the foregoing premises, I Henry Dodge, Governor of the said Territory, have issued this Writ of election directing you to notify the Judges of elections to hold an election to fill said vacancy, at the time of the next general election, to take place on the first Monday of August next.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed

L S. Done at Mineral Point this twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty nine

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

Also on this day his Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation Viz

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
A Proclamation
To all whom it may concern Greeting

Whereas it is provided by an act of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory entitled "An act to provide for (and) establishing the Seat of Justice of Green County" passed March 7th 1839. That for the purpose of permanently

the Seat of Justice of said County, an election shall be held on the first Monday of May next after the passage of said act, a Certificate of the result of which shall be transmitted to the Governor of the Territory within ten days thereafter, and if upon examination he shall find that any one point voted for, had a majority over all the other points voted for, he shall issue his proclamation of that fact, and the place having the greatest number of votes, shall from the date of such proclamation, be the Seat of Justice of said County, and if upon an examination of returns the Governor shall find that no one point has a majority of the whole number of votes polled and returned to him he shall issue a proclamation for a new election in said County" And whereas an election was held on the eighteenth day of June last, and a Certificate of the result of said election was transmitted from which it appeared that no one point voted for, had a majority over all the places voted for

Now therefore in Consideration of the foregoing premises, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, I do hereby issue this proclamation, declaring that a third election for the establishing the Seat of Justice of said County, be held on the first monday of August next, the said election to be conducted and the returns thereof made in the same manner as the first election

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed

SS. Done at Mineral Point this twenty fifth day of January A.D. 1839

(Signed) Henry Dodge

July 1st 1839.

On this day the resignation of George Wilson Esq a member of the Council from the County of Crawford was received accepted and filed

Also the resignations of George W Beall as Auditor of the Territory, and Abner Nichols as Territorial Treasurer were severally accepted and filed.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following proclamation

Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

To the Sheriff of the County of Crawford.

Whereas it is provided in the 19th and 22nd Sections of an act of the Legislative Assembly, entitled "An act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 7, 1839. That when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly by death resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or district in which such vacancy shall happen Commanding him to notify the Justices of election in the said County or district to hold an election to fill such vacancy And Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the district Composed of the County of Crawford by the resignation of George Wilson a late member of the Council from said district

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by

the laws of the Territory, and in Consideration of the foregoing premises I Henry Dodge Governor of the said Territory have issued this writ of election directing you to notify the Justices of election in said District to hold an election to fill said Vacancy at the time of the next general election to take place on the first Monday of August next

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed

L.S. Done at Mineral Point this first day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty nine

(Signed) Henry Dodge

(On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued Commissions to the following Persons to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Viz

Josiah A. Noonan Auditor of the Territory of Wisconsin
King J. Hawthorn Notary Public for Grant County
R. L. Ream Treasurer of Wisconsin Territory

July 8th. 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued Commissions to the following Persons to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Viz

Nathaniel G. Storrs
William B. Sheldon
Farnam Chickering
} Justices of the Peace for Rock County

July 16th. 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following Persons to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Viz

Samuel H. Fields
Peter Coyle
} Justices of the Peace for Grant County

July 17th. 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation Viz

Proclamation

To all whom it may Concern Greeting

Whereas it is provided in the 11th Section of an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An act to provide for aiding in the Construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal" passed February 26th. 1839. That all Streams of water which it may be expedient to use for the Purposes of said Canal, shall be reported to the Governor by the Commissioners before the day appointed for the Sale of the Canal Lands, including such Streams of water as the Lands of the United States adjoining them, whereupon the Governor shall by Proclamation give notice that the said Streams will be taken and used for the Purposes aforesaid, and all Purchasers of Lands bordering on said Streams shall be made subject to the division of said Streams of water for the Purposes aforesaid.

Now therefore in Consideration of the Commissions of the said Canal having) rejected the Same and by virtue of the authority vested in me I Henry Dodge Governor of the said Territory of Wisconsin do hereby give notice that the Streams of water Known and designated as follows will be taken and used for the purpose of said Canal Viz

The Milwaukee River from the mouth the line of Section five (5) Town seven (7) Range twenty two (22)!

The Menomonee River at a point six Sections thirty Six (36) Town Eight (8) Range twenty (20)!

The Pikitakaneau at a point six Section twenty nine (29) Town Eight (8) Range twenty (20)!

Redfords River at a point six Section thirty ~~five~~ (30) Town Eight (8) Range ~~twenty~~ twenty (20)!

Wauksa River at a point six Section thirty five (35) Town Eight (8) Range nine (9)

The Pauk River at a point six Section three (3) Town seven (7) Range seventeen (17) and also near the outlet of Menomonee Lake six Section twenty four (24) Town seven (7) Range seventeen (17)!

The Oconomowoc River at a point near the outlet of such Lake in Section Seventeen (17) Town Eight (8) Range Eighteen (18) and also near La Belle Lake! and

Johnsons Creek at a point six Section twenty Seven (27) Town seven (7) Range fifteen (15)!

And that all Purchases of land (subsequent) on said Streams shall be made subject to the decisions of the Board for the purpose of said Canal

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Caused L.S. the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed

Done at Mineral Point this 17th day of July A D 1839

(Signed) Henry Dodge

July 20th 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned William R. Smith Esqr as Adjutant General of the Militia of the Territory of Wisconsin.

Also approved the bond of Peter B. Gujeon, Commissioned Notary Public of the County of Brown

July 29th. 1839

On this day the resignation of David W Jones Notary Public for the County of Iowa was received and accepted!

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Stephen Taylor Notary Public for the County of Iowa, to hold his Office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

August 3d 1839

On this day the resignation of Barlow Shackelford as District Attorney for the County of Brown was received accepted and filed!

This day issued a Commission to Philip S. White as District Attorney for the County of Brown to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

August 5th 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Executive Patents
recorded. No 1 to two hundred and sixty five inclusive. To purchasers
of Lands on the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal in the following form

Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting

Whereas it appears
from a return made to me by the Commissioners of the Milwaukee and
Rock River Canal. That in pursuance of the act of the Legislative Assembly
of the Territory of Wisconsin. entitled "An act to provide for aiding in the
Construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal." Approved 26th Feb
ruary 1839. the said Commissioners did on the second day of July A.D.
1839. Sell to James. Sanderson of Milwaukee County. W.T. the north half of
the north east quarter of Section five town six Range twenty two in Milwaukee
County. being part and parcel of the lands granted by the United States
to said Territory. to aid in the Construction of said Canal. Containing
(seventy one and 94/100 acres) by survey

Now Know ye that the Territory of Wisconsin does hereby grant and
convey. to the said (James. Sanderson) the premises aforesaid. with the
appurtenances thereunto belonging. To have and to hold the same to the
said (James. Sanderson) his heirs and assigns forever

In Testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent
L.S. and the great Seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed

Given under my hand at Mineral Point this fifth day of August
A D 1839

By the Governor
W B Slaughter.
Sec Wis Ter

(Signed) Henry Dodge

August 6th 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge appointed John K.
Investigator for the Territory to negotiate the loan of fifty thousand
dollars. authorized to be obtained by an act of the Legislature entitled
"An act to provide for aiding in the Construction of the Milwaukee and Rock
river Canal" at the Bank of America in the City of New York. the
agent to receive and transfer the same: when to obtained. on the order of the
Governor of the Territory.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued bonded warrants
numbered fifty inclusive, for one thousand dollars each of Wisconsin Six per
Cent Stock, authorized to be issued by an act of the Legislative Assembly
entitled "An act to provide for aiding in the Construction of the Milwaukee
and Rock river Canal. in the following form Viz

United States of America

Territory of Wisconsin Six per Cent Stock

For aid in the Constructions of the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal

$1000. Authorized by act of Congress. No

Know all men by these presents that I am indebted
Territory of Wisconsin in the sum of one thousand dollars

lawful money of the United States of America, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, from the first day of September 1839 payable semi annually on the first mondays of March and September in each year, at the City of New York and presentation # after the first day of September 18 : and redeemable for the principal payment of the sum of fifty thousand dollars. of which this Certificate is part. authorized to be borrowed by an act of Congress. entitled "An act to grant a quantity of land for the purpose of aiding in opening a Canal to connect the waters of Lake Michigan with those of Rock river" passed June 18. 1838 and also by an act of the Legislative Assembly of the said Territory entitled "An act to provide for aiding in the Construction of the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal" approved February 15th 1839. the said Territory do hereby irrevocably pledge all the proceeds of the sales of the lands granted to the said Territory by the act of Congress aforesaid, to, all the revenues accruing to the Territory or future State of Wisconsin, from the use of said Canals and Demand of the said Canal as shall by law vest in the said Territory or State. And the proceeds of the sales of said lands have been set apart and irrevocably pledged and appropriated by law as a special fund for the payment of the principal and interest of the said loan

In Testimony whereof and Pursuant to the authority granted by the Congress of the United States and the Legislative assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin by virtue of the act before referred to I Henry Dodge have signed this Certificate and Caused the Seal of the Territory to be affixed at Mineral Point this sixth day of August 1839

L.S.

By the Governor
W B. Slaughter
Secretary of the Territory

Signed / Henry Dodge.

To each of which Certificates of Stock was affixed dividend Warrant for the payment of the interest thereon Semi Annually, on the first Mondays of March and September in every year Commencing on the first Monday of March 1840. in the following form

#30. Wisconsin Milwaukee and Rock river Canal loan

No Dividend Warrant payable on the first Monday of
18 : for thirty dollars.

(Signed) W B. Slaughter Sec'y Wis. Ter

August 22d 1839

On this day the resignation of F. A. Winfield as notary Public of the County of Milwaukee, and of Alvin Foster. as Justice of the Peace for the County of Jefferson, were received accepted and filed

This day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned and Levi Blossom Jun. Notary Public for the County of Milwaukee. to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

August 31st 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following Persons, to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of

the Legislative Council Viz)

(Lucius H. Langworthy
Joseph L. Sloan
Edward M. Stamp) Justices of the Peace for Rock County

Also on this day rileus a duplicate Commission to Thomas Burnett as Associate Justice of the Peace for the town of Jefferson in the County of Jefferson. Confirmed by the Legislative Council at Burlington this June 18

September 3rd 1839

On this day His Excellency Gouvr Dodge Commissions David Hudson a Justice of the Peace for the County of Iowa to hold his office during the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

September 20th 1839

On this day the returns of votes given for Delegate to Congress at the election on the 5th August last were examined by the Secretary in the presence of the Govr and Marshall, and the result is as follows Viz.

James Duane Doty received 2125 votes.
Byron Kilbourn. — — 1159 "
Thomas P. Burnett " 861 "

The following Certificate was thereupon issued

I Henry Dodge Govr of the Territory of Wisconsin do hereby Certify that in accordance with the 14th Section of the act of Congress establishing the Territorial government of Wisconsin, and with the act of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory approved March 7th 1839 entitled "An act to provide for and regulate general elections" An election for a delegate to represent this Territory in the Congress (or so much thereof as may remain after the term of the present Delegate shall have expired) was held on the first Monday of August last, and I do further Certify that James Duane Doty received the highest number of votes for said office of Delegate, and is thereupon declared to be duly elected.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
S.S. great Seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed
Done at Mineral Point this twenty sixth day of September A.D. 1839

By the Governor
W B Slaughter
Sec Wis Ter.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

The following Proclamation was thereupon issued

Henry Dodge
Govr of the Territory of Wisconsin

To all to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting

Whereas in Conformity with the act of Congress "establishing the Territorial government of Wisconsin" and with the act of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory entitled "An act to Provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 7th 1839 an election was held on the first Monday of August last for a Delegate to Serve in the twenty Sixth Congress (or so much thereof as may remain after the term of the present Delegate shall have expired) And whereas it appears from an examination of the votes given for said office of Delegate, that

James Duane Doty received the highest number

Now therefore in accordance with the previous Ordinance & the above mentioned Acts, I do hereby declare James Duane Doty to be duly elected to said office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused L.S. the great seal of the Territory to be affixed

Done at Mineral Point this 20th day of September A.D. 1839

(Signed) Henry Dodge

September 23d 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following persons to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council To wit:

Owen Hazeltine
Abial Pierce
Asa A Flint
} Justices of the Peace for the town of Vernon in the County of Milwaukee

Clarency Davis Major of the twenty fifth Regimental division composed of the Counties of Racine Walworth and Rock

Also issued Commissions as follows in the battalion of militia Composed of the County of Rock

B. W. Brisbois Adjutant of Battalion
James Reed Captain
William S. Lockwood 1st Lieut.
Thaddeus La Chapelle 2d do
} First Company

Levi R. Marshe Captain
William Wilson 1st Lieut
Ira B. Brunson 2d do
} Second Company

September 25th. 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, Commissioned the following persons to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council Viz.

Isaac F. Knapp auctioneer for Milwaukee County
Nathaniel F. Hyer Supreme Court Commissioner
Lucius I'Barber Justice of the Peace
Lucius I. Barber Notary Public
} Jefferson County.

October 4th. 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued a Commission to William W. Seymour as Supreme Court Commissioner for the County of Dane to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

October 12th 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge, Commissioned William Boyles Justice of the Peace for the County of Green, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

October 15th. 1839.

On this day the resignations of Isaac N. Palmer as Justice

of the Peace for the County of Dane was received and accepted

October 17th 1839

On this day the resignations of Alexander J Irwin Esqr. a member of the Council from the District Composed of the County of Brown and the Counties thereto attached for Judicial Purposes was received accepted and filed.

October 18. 1839

On this day His Excellency Henry Dodge issued the following Proclamation Viz—

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
To the Sheriff of the County of Brown

Whereas it is provided in the 19th and 22nd Sections of an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 7th 1839 that when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly, by death resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County a district in which such vacancy shall happen Commanding him to notify the Several Judges of election in the said district to hold an election to fill such vacancy. And whereas a vacancy has occurred in the District Composed of the County of Brown and the Counties thereto attached for Judicial purposes, by the resignation of Alexander J Irwin Esqr. late a member of the Council from said district

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Territory and in Consideration of the foregoing premises. I Henry Dodge Governor of the said Territory have issued this writ of election. directing you to notify the Several Judges of Elections Elected in the said district to hold an electing to fill such vacancy, on the twenty Second day of November next.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed

L.S. Done at Mineral Point this Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty nine

(Signed) Henry Dodge

October 29th. 1839.

On this day the resignation of Ralph Lamon Esq. a member of the House of Representatives from the County of Grant. was received accepted and filed.

Also the resignation of Chauncy A Peake. a Justice of the Peace for the County of Milwaukee

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation Viz

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
To the Sheriff of the County of Grant.

Whereas it is provided in the 19th and 23rd sections of an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 7. 1839. that when any vacancy shall happen in the office of a member of the Council and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly, by death, resignation or otherwise the Governor shall issue a writ of election, directed to the Sheriff of the County or district in which such vacancy shall happen, Commanding him to notify the several Judges of election in the said County or district to hold an election to fill such vacancy. And Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the district Composed of the County of Grant by the resignation of Ralph Caum late member of the House of Representatives from that district

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Territory and in Consideration of the foregoing premises I Henry Dodge Governor of the said Territory have issued this writ of election. directing you to notify the several Judges of election in the said District to hold an election to fill the said vacancy on the twenty first day of November next.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed.

L.S. Done at Mineral Point this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty nine

(Signed) Henry Dodge

also on this day issued a Commission to John Massey as Justice of the Peace for the County of Milwaukee. to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

November 11th 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge. Commissioned the following persons to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Viz.

D. A. J. Upham Sup. Court. Com for the County of Milwaukee
Isaac Atwood. Justice of the Peace for the County of Dane

November 16th. 1839

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following demand to his Excellency the Governor of the State of Illinois

Henry Dodge

Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of Illinois

Whereas it appears from the annexed Copies duly authenticated according to law. that David Wilson, Judge Holmes. and Stephen Brandy. stand Charged with the Crime of Burglary and larceny, and John Kinney with the Crime of being accessary thereto, And whereas it further appears that the said Wilson Brandy Holmes and Kenny are fugitives from the Justice of the Territory. and are now residents of the County of Jo Daviess in the State of Illinois.

Now therefore Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the United States in such Case made and provided. I do hereby require that the said David Wilson, Judge Holmes. Stephen Brandy and John Kinney. be apprehended and delivered to James D. Gentry Sheriff

of the County of Iowa in said Territory, to be tried duly and charged to the next term of the District Court to be held in said County according to law

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed

L.S. Done at Mineral Point this fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty nine

By the Governor
W B Slaughter
Sec Wis Ter

(Signed) Henry Dodge

Also issued the following writ to the Sheriff of said County Viz)

Territory of Wisconsin
Executive Department

To James H Gentry Sheriff of the County of Iowa Greeting

Whereas the Grand Jury of said County of Iowa duly empanneled and sworn for the present session of the District Court of the County of Iowa, and the Petit Jury duly empanneled and sworn for the present session of the District Court of the County of Iowa, and you are further required to attend the said Grand Jury and Petit Jury during

majority on all the Polled votes, he shall issue his Proclamation of that fact, and the Place to be any the qualified Electors of such the date of such Proclamation, be the Seat of Justice of said County.
And whereas an election was held on the fifth day of August last in pursuance of the Proclamation of the Governor issued on the 25th June last, the result of which election has been duly Certified and transmitted to me, from which it appears that the Places next known to the votes of said County as Racine Seybrand and Russell's Location and described in the Plats of Survey in the office of the Wisconsin Land district, as the west half of the Southwest quarter, and the north half of the east half of the Southwest quarter of Section number thirty five (35) of Township number two (2) in Range number seven (7) east of the fourth principal meridian, and the east half of the Southeast quarter of Section number thirty four (34) of the same township and Range, did receive a majority of votes on all the Places voted for. And whereas it has been Certified to me further that in accordance with the agreement of said Donators, a Committee of the inhabitants of said County appointed for that purpose, have located the Seat of Justice on the north half of the west half of the Southwest quarter of said Section number thirty five, as above described, and have selected the Name of said tract for the Seat is Square. To be known and designated by the name of Monroe

Now therefore in Pursuance of the aforesaid Returns and by virtue of the authority vested in me by said act I have issued this Proclamation declaring the result of said election, and the Place selected by the vote of the People of said County, which Place from the date hereof shall be the Seat of Justice of said County of Green

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed

L.S. Done at Belmont Post this twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty nine

(Signed) Henry Dodge

November 28th 1839.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following Persons. to hold their offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Viz

John S. Fletcher Supreme Court Commissioner for the County of Grant

Hiram M. Sanford Justice of the Peace for the County of Grant

December 9th 1839

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge delivered the following message to the two Houses of the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory.

Gentlemen Citizens of the Council and House of Representatives:

You are assembled, in conformity to a law of the last session of the Legislature, at the seat of Government, to resume the responsible duties which devolve upon the representatives of the people of Wisconsin.

We have abundant cause to be thankfull to divine Providence, for the many blessings, conferred upon us. Crops of every kind, adapted to our climate, have this season been unusually abundant, and the husbandman has reaped a rich reward for his industry. Our citizens, who cultivate the soil, are rapidly developing the great agricultural resources of the country; our prairies are being converted into luxuriant fields; and towns and villages are springing up where the wigwam of the savage stood seven years ago. We have a territory of nearly sixty thousand square miles in extent, containing a rich and inexhaustible stores of mineral wealth, possessing a climate of the most genial and salubrious character, and a soil suited to the production of every thing calculated to minister to the necessities and comforts of man. We have the great lakes, of Michigan, and Superior, (our inland seas) on the east, and north, the Father of Rivers on the west, with several noble streams penetrating the Territory in different directions.

Coming immediately from the mass of your constituents, it is presumed that you bring with you such a knowledge of their wants as will enable you to enact laws accomodated to their state and condition. To legislate for enlightened freemen is one of the most important duties man is called upon to perform. To prescribe what is right, and prohibit what is wrong, by the passage of salutary laws, equal in their bearing on all classes of the community, is the great object for which we have been convened. And, you may rely, gentlemen, on my co-operation in the support of all such measures, as have for their object the attainment of these desirable results. At the last regular session of the Legislative Assembly, I recommended, for your consideration, the importance of consulting the people of the Territory, at an early period, on the subject of taking such measures, as might be deemed expedient, for the admission of Wisconsin as one of the independent States of this Union. Elections will be held throughout the Territory, on the first Monday of August next, for members of the House of Representatives, and I would respectfully suggest, to you the propriety of passing a resolution recommending to the qualified electors in the Territory

determines by their votes, cast at that time, whether they are for or against the organization of a state government. The subject will then be fairly presented to the people, and they can decide for themselves.

The laws passed at the annual and adjourned sessions of the Legislative Assembly, have been but for a short time promulgated throughout the Territory, and the people cannot have had the opportunity to understand how far they are applicable to their situation and wants. But one term of the district court has been held in any one county, since their distribution. It appears to me, therefore, that as few changes as possible are desirable at the present session, and only such should be made as the publick interest requires. At the next session of the Legislative Assembly, the practice of the courts, as well as the administration of the laws, will enable the Legislature to ascertain the deficiencies and to apply the proper remedy, by a repeal or modification of such of them as are not suited to the wants and conditions of the people. I would respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of memorializing Congress, for an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars, for the erection of a penitentiary in this Territory, to be located at such point as may be designated by the Legislative Assembly. The spirit of the age we live in, as well as the humanity of our laws, are opposed to capital punishment except in cases of the highest grade of crime. The establishment of a penitentiary would secure the community against the aggressions of the depraved — be the means of punishing the guilty — and operate as a salutary example in deterring others from the perpetration of crime. Solitary confinement at hard labor would have a greater effect in preventing the violations of our penal laws than any other means that could be devised; and by leaving the convict to his own reflections, would have a good effect, in reclaiming him from the error of his ways and restoring him to the path of rectitude. Constant employment, and entire seperation from evil communications, might be the means of its accomplishment. Since the organization of the Territorial government, persons, convicted of crimes of a high grade, who merited punishment at hard labor, have been pardoned on the petitions of the citizens of counties where the offences were commited, who stated that the expenses incurred for the safe keeping of their convicts would be burthensome in the extreme to the inhabitants of those counties, without their being able to derive any advantage from their labor during confinement. From the generous donations made by Congress for the erection of the Capitol of Wisconsin, we may reasonably expect that the same liberality will be extended to us in making suitable appropriations for the erection of a penitentiary.

I would respectfully invite the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the embarrassed state of the currency in this Territory. It is a fact well known that the constant drain of specie, in payment of the public lands, has rendered it impossible for those who are indebted, to procure the constitutional currency to enable them to pay their debts, and

unless relief is granted by the Legislative Assembly, the ruin [illegible] is inevitable.

The State Bank of Illinois, and its branches, have suspended specie payments, and the Mineral Point Bank, (the only banking institution now in operation in the Territory) does not discount any paper at present.

A forced sale of personal property under existing executions laws would not only deprive the debtor of the means of support, but in many cases prevent the creditor from the recovery of his debt. If the present execution laws were so amended as to give a stay of twelve months on an execution, upon the defendant entering into such security as would be approved by the court, it does seem that no injustice would be done to the plaintiff. In legislative acts between debtor and creditor a due regard should be had to the rights of both. In numerous instances the forced payment of a prior judgement would deprive the debtor of the means of discharging other just demands. I have deemed it an act of official duty to present these views, on an important subject, for your serious consideration.

I would respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the propriety of taking such legal measures as they may deem necessary, (by the appointment of a Committee, or otherwise,) to ascertain the true state and condition of the Bank of Mineral Point, and to report thereon during the present session. This bank is the only one now in operation in our Territory; and, from the great scarcity of circulating medium, added to our present pecuniary embarrassments, it becomes the duty of the public functionaries to guard with the utmost vigilance the rights of the people against bank abuses. The principal currency of the Territory, for nearly two years, was in the notes of the bank of Wisconsin, which, it is said, are now purchased at a discount of fifty or seventy per cent. Banking institutions generally commence their operations in great (apparent) good faith — until they have gained the confidence of the people — and then expand or contract their issues as will be most conducive to their own interests; and, it is not uncommon for a bank failure to take place, when least expected by the people. The experience had in banking operations in Wisconsin, should admonish the representatives of the people of the necessity of carefully securing their constituents against a recurrence of similar events. It is contended by many interested in bank charters, that they are out of the reach of Legislative controll. This doctrine, held and maintained, would be subversive of the dearest rights of the people, by a submission to the banks of the ~~of the~~ entire controle of the currency during the existence of their charters. Banks were instituted for the benefit of the people, and should at all times be thrown open to the scrutiny and examination of the proper authorities. The history of corruptions unequivocally demonstrates that men in their corporate capacity will do acts which they would not perpetrate as individuals. Their proceedings are generally in secret, and their responsibilities are divided. And from the nature of corporations

a spirit of favoritism must exist. They are associations to which are given the possession and enjoyment of privileges which men are debarred from exercising in their individual capacities. The exclusive powers, conferred on them by legislative action, are drawn from the people, and in proportion to the number of incorporated companies, will the people in their individual capacities be deprived of their rights. Banks not opposed to well regulated banks. Properly conducted, they facilitate exchange, and frequently enable the industrious merchant and mechanic to carry on his business to greater advantage. They also afford a safe and profitable investment for the money of the capitalist, and, if prudently managed, must be useful to the community. It must be admitted, however, that moneed associations are not republican in their tendency, and when used for purposes of speculation, have a withering influence on the best interests of the great mass of the community. Monopolies of every kind should be put down, and all corporations strictly confined to the privileges plainly set down in their charters. The exercise of their powers, being in derogation of individual rights, should never be extended beyond the plain letter and spirit of their acts of incorporation. If they are permitted to leave their legitimate business of banking, and to enter the field of speculation, by dealing in the staple commodities of the country, their capital would always enable them to prostrate individual enterprise, and to monopolize every description of business. While we should carefully guard the rights of associations, we should not forget that the great mass of the community have also rights, and that the welfare of all depends on their maintenance

The Commissioners, appointed under the act of the Legislative Assembly, approved March 8th 1839, to superintend the completion of the Capitol, have made a report thereon, which is herewith submitted. It appears therefrom that a settlement has not yet been effected with the former board of Commissioners and their Treasurer. The present board, however, it would appear, have done every thing required of them by law, in the discharge of the duties of their appointment. The appropriation by Congress of forty thousand dollars, for the erection of the Capitol, was a liberal donation on the part of the government, and it is due to the people of this Territory, (for whose benefit the donation was made,) that proper measures should be adopted to ascertain what disposition has been made of that part of the appropriation which has not been accounted for. I respectfully recomend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of again memorializing Congress, asking for suitable appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of the Fox river of Green Bay, the Wisconsin, Rock, Pekatonica and Platte rivers, and the mouth of the four Lakes. In my last annual message I suggested the propriety of asking donations in land for this purpose. From the extent of the grant in land, made by the government to aid in opening the Milwaukee and Rock river canal, I consider that donation as establishing a precident that would have a favorable

bearing on the action of Congress, in the granting of such donations for the improvement of the rivers above named. The practicability of their improvement by the means of small appropriations from Congress is very apparent to all who are acquainted with the great natural advantages and facilities of the country through which they flow. The improvement of the navigation in the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and the completion of the canal connecting them together, near the Portage, are objects of the first importance to the future growth and prosperity of the Territory. The accomplishment of this would at once open a direct communication between the Mississippi and Lake Michigan. The rich and fertile lands bordering on these rivers, would be speedily settled and cultivated by the enterprizing emigrant, and a direct and sure route to the eastern markets would be afforded for the lead manufactured near to the Wisconsin river. Besides, the public lands would be greatly enhanced in value, by the formation of extensive settlements, which would materially add to the prosperity of the town of Green Bay as well as the growth of the whole country lying between the Mississippi and Lake border. The Rock river has its source near Lake Winnebago, and, running in a southerly direction near the centers of the settled part of the Territory, waters a large extent of fertile country. From the liberal appropriation made by the state of Illinois for the improvement of the navigation of this river, to the line of our Territory, it is confidently believed by those acquainted with the obstructions above the line of that state, that with a small appropriation from Congress, the navigation might soon be rendered complete from its junction with the Mississippi to that point where it is contemplated to unite its waters, by canal, with those of Lake Michigan. The improvement of the navigation of the Four Lakes, would open a direct communication for steamboats to the seat of government of our Territory, and afford important commercial facilities to that point — thereby greatly enhancing in value the lands of the United States, as well as those of individuals in that portion of the Territory. Even the short distance of the outlet at the Fourth Lake to its confluence with Rock river, and from the very few obstructions met with, it is known that but a small appropriation by Congress would be necessary to complete its navigation.

The improvement of the Peckatonica is an object of the deepest interest to the people residing in the mineral region. This river has been navigated by flat-boats, descending from a point within seven miles of Mineral Point, to its junction with Rock river. The current is gentle, and the river susceptible of easy improvement; and by cutting canals across some of the prominent bends, the distance would be shortened from the point above to where this stream united with Rock river, at least one third of its present length. The advantages that would result to the resident in the mining region of country bordering on [illegible] by having a water communication with the Mississippi river [illegible]

the transportation of their heavy products to market, in lieu of the present land carriage of nearly forty miles, are very apparent. Great facilities would also be afforded to the agriculturalists of that section in the transportation of their surplus produce to a southern market.

The improvement, also, of the Platte river, is a work of the first importance to that section of the Territory through which it passes. The town of Plattville has a population of several hundred inhabitants, and the adjacent country is in a high state of agricultural improvement. Some of the most productive lead mines have been discovered in the immediate vicinity of that place. It is believed that the distance on this stream which requires to be improved would not exceed fifteen to eighteen miles; so that the expenditure necessary would be altogether inconsiderable, in comparison with the advantages which would result from it. After a few years, there will be a large surplus of agricultural produce to be transported from thence to find a southern market, independant of the heavy product of the lead mines. The United States has received several millions of cent lead, for the use and occupancy of the mines on and near the waters of the Peatonica and Platte rivers; and it would be an act of justice only, for Congress now to make a liberal donation, in land, for the improvement of these streams, more specially, as the value of the unsold lands on their borders would be greatly increased. By the first section of an "Act to provide for aiding in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock river canal" approved February 26th 1839, the Governor was authorized to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars; accordingly, bonds were issued to that amount on the fifth of August last, executed by me, in the name of the Territory, and under authority of an act of Congress, for one thousand dollars each, bearing an interest of six per centum per annum and payable twenty years thereafter. And in conformity to the 20th. section of the act first referred to above, John H. Tweedy, Esq. the present Receiver of the board of the Canal commissioners, was appointed the agent of the Territory to make sale of said bonds, and the Bank of America, in the City of New-York, designated as the depositary of the funds arising therefrom, in the event of a sale. Mr. Tweedy, in his report to me on this subject, states that stocks of every nature were depressed to a lower point than they had at any time been for many years, not excepting the year of 1837. The seven per. cent stocks of the city of New-York were selling at 98; New York states bonds, four per cent., at 77-1-2; and the bonds of most of the other states, but encumbered with debt were totally unsaleable. Money was commanding three times the ordinary interest in all the larger cities, and in the smaller places of business. As early as may be practicable, the contemplated loan will be effected, in order to enable the canal company to comence their operations.

In the report of the Chief engineer, made in obedience to the 15th. section of the "Act to provide for aiding in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock river canal," and which is herewith

submitted,) the estimated cost of the construction of the canal is given at less than twelve hundred thousand dollars. The liberality of the grant made by Congress to aid in the construction of this work, is evidence of the importance in which it was viewed by that body, as forming a great connecting link between the waters of the Mississippi and those of the northern lakes. I will here repeat the views expressed by me in a former message, on this subject.— "From the liberal provisions of this grant of land, it may be considered as the commencement of a system of internal improvements under the fostering protection of the government, which will have the most beneficial results in promoting the future welfare of the people of Wisconsin, by opening a direct communication between the waters of Lake Michigan and those of the Mississippi by the Rock river, which is the most practicable southern route, passing through a fertile region of country, well adapted to agricultural purposes. The completion of the contemplated canal will be the means by which the products of the mining region of Wisconsin can be more readily conveyed to the eastern markets, which now take a much longer and more circuitous route by the way of New Orleans."

I would recommend to the Legislative Assembly the propriety of so amending the act referred to in the preceding paragraph, as to authorize the payment of the salary of the chief engineer and commissioners of the canal, out of the proceeds of the sales of the canal lands. At present, these proceeds are exclusively applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the loan, authorized to be made in the first section of the act. Justice requires that provision should be made for the payment of these salaries, since important duties have been exacted from these officers, and, as yet they have received no compensation for the services rendered. By the 3d. section of the act of Congress granting a quantity of land to aid in the improvement, above referred to, it is enacted, that the alternate sections and fractional sections of land which shall remain to the United States, agreeably to the first section of said act, shall not be sold for a less sum than two dollars and fifty cents per acre, nor be subject to preemption. I would suggest the propriety of memorializing Congress to place the occupants of these lands in the same situation with other settlers on the public domain, by allowing them the right of preemption, and permitting them to enter their lands at the minimum price of the public lands. These settlers have by their enterprize and labor, converted a wild waste into fruitful fields, have encountered all the privations incident to new settlements elsewhere, and are justly entitled to a participation in the indulgences granted to other citizens. This policy has "grown with the growth, and strengthened with the strength" of the western States of our Union — is sanctioned by public opinion generally, and has received the warm support of the most enlightened statesmen of this republic. The settlers upon the canal reservation, are a part of that same band

of pioneers in the march of improvement, who are rapidly extending the empire of this Union, and whose spirit of adventure will ere long cross the Rocky mountains and plant the American standard on the shores of the Pacific. I deem it my duty to call your attention to the propriety of again memorializing Congress, asking an extension of the right of preemption to all miners in this Territory, who have obtained the possession of mineral lots, under authority of the superintendent of the United States lead mines, either by discovery or purchase, and to those persons who have located themselves either on lands reserved by the government for smelting purposes, or on the reservations made for half breeds of the Chippewa nation, under the treaty of 1829 (which reservations have been relocated,) and that they may be permitted to enter said lands at the minimum price of other government lands. Large tracts have been reserved by the government, through the superintendant of the lead mines, for smelting purposes, in the Counties of Grant and Iowa, upon which are located numerous settlers who have made considerable improvements. By granting permission to these persons to enter their lands at government price justice alone will be done to them and no injury can result to the United States. The propriety also of again memorializing Congress for appropriations for the construction of harbors on Lake Michigan, is most respectfully recommended. Memorials on this subject have been forwarded by the Legislative Assembly to Congress, annually, since the organization of our Territorial government, with but little success. The reports of the engineers employed to make the necessary surveys for this purpose, embrace such accurate topographical information as ought to enable Congress to determine the points best fitted for such improvement, and the amount of the appropriation necessary for the execution of the work. Due regard should be had also, in the selection of the points, to the commercial facilities required at each, and to the growth of the surrounding country. Within a short period of time, more than a million of dollars has been received into the Land office at Milwaukee from the sales of the public lands. From this fact, and that of the very small appropriations made by Congress for harbors or other improvements on our Lake border, who can fail to observe the great inequality which prevails in the distribution of government favors. For the protection of the commerce on our sea-board, millions are expended in the erection of breakwaters &c., while for want of harbors on this Lake, vessels are compelled to encounter the severest gales during the autumnal season, with little expectation of being able to outride the storm. Recently, opposite to the mouth of Milwaukee river, four valuable citizens found a watery grave — a disaster which must be ascribed to the want of a harbor at that place. Human life is above all price, and the common dictates of humanity would seem to point out the means of its preservation as a primary object of a government instituted for the benefit of the people. And it is a well established fact that the commercial trade of Lake Michigan has increased in a ratio far

exceeding that of any of the waters of the United States
The settled policy of the government too, heretofore, has been
afford every facility to its commerce by diminishing as much
as possible the dangers of navigation; and, the enterprising citizens
who have emigrated to our Lake border, have a reasonable right to
expect that the same facilities will be extended to them which
have been afforded to other portions of the Union. Additional
appropriations should also be asked from Congress for the
construction of the Territorial road from Milwaukee, by way of Madi-
-son, to a point opposite the town of Du Buque on the Mississippi river,
and for the construction of a road from Racine, by Janesville, to
Fairfield, on the Mississippi. Ten thousand dollars have been appropri-
-ated for the construction of each of these roads — a sum entirely too
small, considering their extent and importance. The completion of these
thoroughfares would vastly facilitate the settlement of the country
between the Mississippi and the Lake — would greatly add to
the value of the public lands — be of incalculable benefit to the
agricultural, commercial, and mining interests — and, provide for
the safe and speedy transportation of the mails. The appropriation of
two thousand dollars, for the survey and estimate of the cost of a
railroad from Milwaukee to Du Buque, made by an act of Congress
approved July 7th 1838, was, by a subsequent act, approved —
March 3d, 1839, directed to be applied by the Secretary of War
to the survey of the most eligible route for a railroad, from the town
of Milwaukee, on Lake Michigan, to such a point on the Mississip-
-pi river as may be deemed most expedient. The country between
the Mississippi and the Lake is well adapted to the construction
of a railway. There are no mountains or morasses to be encountered,
the surface of the country is generally level, and it is believed
that a communication of this character can be made by an
expenditure comparatively small, when viewed with that which is
unavoidably to be incurred in most of the States, and the advantages
which must follow its completion to the future prosperity and growth of the
Territory would far exceed any estimate that could now be made. It would
hasten the formation of dense settlements throughout the whole extent of
the road, advance the sales of the public lands, afford increased
facilities, to the agricultural, commercial and mining interests of
of the country; and further, it would enable the government to
transport troops and munitions of war, with great expedition,
and concentrate them on our extensive frontier, should it become
necessary for the protection of the border settlements against the
encroachments of a savage enemy. I would, therefore, urge the
propriety of memorializing Congress for a further appropriation for
this object. The Indians on our border seem peaceably disposed to-
-wards the settles; and, notwithstanding the Sioux and Chippewa
Indians are in a state of warfare with each other, they evince
no disposition to molest those of our citizens who are most exposed
on the St Croix and Chippewa rivers. The removal of the
Chinebagoes, as early in the spring as practicable, is a matter of

pecuniary importance to the frontier people, whose stock, and other property, is constantly exposed to their intrusions. Of this were effected, the settlements would be soon extended north of the Wisconsin, and all apprehension of difficulty or danger, from a contiguity to the Indians would be effected. These Indians, from the frequency of their depredations on the border settlers, have justly rendered themselves obnoxious, and have good reason to expect that measures will be taken for their removal, as difficulties of a serious character may occur. Under the existing laws of the United States, and in conformity to the act of the Legislative Assembly, "relating to the militia," approved the 8th of March last, it became necessary to re-organize the militia of the Territory, and to reform the companies, in order to designate the bounds of batallions, regiments, brigades, and divisions. With this view, and to enable the Adjutant General to make a correct return of the strength of the militia, and to cause a proper distribution of the arms, according to numbers, a general order was issued, directed to the Commanders of the several regiments and seperate batallions requiring them to designate anew the bounds of their respective companies, and so to arrange them as that each of the companies should be composed of ninety three men, including officers, non-Commissioned officers, musicians and privates. Complete returns have been received at the office of the Adjutant General, only from the 2d regimental district, composed of the original County of Brown, and from the seperate batalion, composed of the County of Crawford. An abstract of these returns, as well as those received from other Commands, are embraced in the accompanying report of the state of the militia of the Territory, furnished from the office of the Adjutant General. From the sparse and detached situation of many of the settlements, and the great difficulty of forming companies in conformity to law, I would respectfully recommend so to amend the militia law as to reduce the number of men composing a company to forty-five, including officers, non-commissioned officers and privates.

The reduction of the number of men in the companies will much facilitate the organization of the militia, and render them more effective. No serviceable organization has yet taken place, arising partly from the failure in the distribution of the laws which are to govern them, with a correct and useful system of instructions for the officers and non-commissioned officers, is absolutely requisite to a proper organization of the militia; I would, therefore, recommend the printing of at least one hundred and fifty copies of the "Act relating to the militia." and the purchase of the same number of "Cooper's approved system of military tactics." as early as possible — to be distributed, under the direction of the Adjutant General, to the officers of the militia and the several volunteer companies.

The Commissioners, appointed by a resolution of the last Legislative Assembly, to locate a section of the University

lands, donated by Congress, not having been officially notified of their appointment, nor furnished with a copy of the resolution. It is understood that the duties required of them remain unperformed. I would, therefore, recommend the propriety of adopting such measures as will ensure an early location of these lands.

In conclusion, fellow-citizens, I permit me to recommend that a spirit of harmony and good feeling may govern our legislative deliberations. By the diligence with which we engage in the public service, we but evince our sense of duty; so may it be our endeavor, by a close attention to the business which has brought us together, and by a steady adherence to sound principles, to pursue a course that will assuredly promote the happiness of those whom we represent.

December 4th 1839

On this day his Excellency Henry Dodge by and with the consent and advice of the Legislative Council commissioned the following officers Viz.

Alfred Brunson, Supreme Court Commissioner for the County of Crawford.

Owen Aldrick, Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee.

December 5th 1839

On this day, his Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned

Edgar R. Huguenin, as Sheriff of the County of Racine

Alfred Henry B. Fowler, Masters in Chancery.

George Bennett.
Alford Carey.
Ela Whitman,
Owen Campbell,
Elidad Smith
} Justices of the Peace } Racine County

December 6th 1839.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council commissioned William B. Sheldon, Justice of the Peace of the County of Rock.

December 11th 1839

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following officers Viz.

Thomas Lee,
Isaac Brown,
Francis McCarty.
} Justice of the Peace & Supreme Court Commissioners } Brown County

December 12th 1839.

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following officers Viz.

Alfred Brunson, Master in Chancery;
James H. Lockwood, Supreme Court Commissioner;
James H. Lockwood, Master in Chancery;
Sean Bennet, Inspector;

} Crawford County

John Thomas, James H. Lockwood, Joseph Rolette, Christopher Bowen, George W. Brown, and, Joseph R. Brown, Justices of the Peace, for the County of Crawford: and

John Thomas, Theodore Bugbee, and Theophilus La Chapelle, Notaries Public, for the County of Crawford.

December 14th 1839.

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following officers Viz.

Josiah A. Pooman, Auditor of the Territory.
R. L. Beam, Treasurer of the Territory: and
Joseph Brisbois, Auctioneer for the County of Crawford

December 20th 1839

On this day his Excellency Gov. Henry Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following officers Viz:

Samuel Ryan, Robert D. Stewart, John H. McKesson, Chester Ladd, Levi Lovee, Henry Merrill, Charles Anthony, David Sick, Samuel C. Shaw, as Justices of the Peace, for the County of Brown.

Alvin Foster, Sheriff.
John Richards, District Attorney;
Dwight Foster, Judge of Probate
Nathaniel T. Eyer, Supreme Court Commissioner
Lucius J. Barber, and
John Richards.

} Justices of Peace

} Jefferson County

Horace Churchill, Edward V. Foster, Edward M. Fenton, Thomas Brayton, Lucius J. Barber, Notaries Public for the County of Grant.

Asa E. Hough, Jeremiah E. Dodge, and James Darby Masters of Chancery for the County of Grant Jefferson

Joel Allen Barber, John S. Fletcher, and Thomas Hughill, Supreme Court Commissioners for Grant County.

Joel Allen Barber, District Attorney!
Miles M. Vineyard, and Carlton F. Brockett Auctioneers
Sheldon Coons. Inspector;
Hiram M. Jones, William G. Thompson, Justus M. Dickerson, Cyrus K. Ladd, James Darby, Justices of the Peace.

} Grant County

December 20th 1839

Joseph Baily,
Robert Dougherty,
John W. Blackstone,
John Messersmith,
James Murphy,
Thomas D. Potts,
John Van Metre,
George W. Hewson,
David Southwick,
Henry Crow,
David Hudson and
William Baldwin,

} Justices of the Peace for Iowa County.

Cromwell Loyd, Auctioneer;
Barley Eaton, Judge of Probate
Stephen Tailor, Notary Public,
Edward McSherry, Supreme Court Commissioner
} Iowa County

Volney French, Notary Public for Racine County;
Lyman M. Warren, Justice of the Peace
Lyman M. Warren, Notary Public.
} Crawford County

William Boyles, Justice of the Peace for Green County

December 21st 1839

On this day the resignation of J. S. Brown, heretofore appointed Justice of the Peace in the County of Dodge, was received and accepted.

December 23d 1839

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following officers viz.

A. P. Wells, Attorney General of the Territory:
Nathaniel F. Bentley, Sheriff.
Isaac N. Putney, Judge of Probate:
Isaac Atwood, Public Administrator:
John T. Wilson, Auctioneer:
William R. Seymour, Supreme Court Commissioner:
Isaac Atwood,
William R. Seymour,
} Justices of Peace.
David Brigham, Master in Chancery.
Perez Merrick,
Hollis Latham,
} Justices of the Peace for Walworth County

} Dane County

December 24th 1839

On this day the resignation of William R. Seymour, heretofore appointed, a Notary Public for Dane County was received and accepted. ——

December 2nd " 1839

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following officers Viz.

Samuel C. Ford, Auctioneer;
John Ramsdale, Notary Public; and,
David Rork,
Philo Belden,
Israel Mackum,
John Dexter,
George Backelder, and
John T. Towbridge,
} Justices of the Peace } Racine County

December 31st " 1839

On this day his Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following officers Viz.

Jonathan E. Arnold, District Attorney.
Don A. J. Upham, Supreme Court Commissioner.
George F. Knapp, Auctioneer.
Levi Blossom Jun.
F. A. Wingfield
} Notaries Public
Augustus Peters. Inspector.
} Milwaukee County

John A. Messenger, Chs. D. Everett, Andrew Smith, Abial Pierce, Olney Harrington, Asa A. Tenk, Owen Hazeltine, Caleb L. Rockwood, David Bingham, Abner Rowe, William O. Underwood, Joel Marsh, Tailor Hamilton, Peter N. Cushman, David W. Patterson, Edmund D. Clinton, Elisha Higgins, Bazzillai Douglass, Nathaniel C. Cobb, John H. Tweedy, Asahel Finch, Algernon S. Hosmer, and Milton B. Cushing — Justices of the Peace for the County of Milwaukee

January 4th " 1840

On this day His Excellency Governor Henry Dodge by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, Commissioned the following officers Viz.

Leonard Brown, Justice of the Peace for Milwaukee County.

David Rich,
Calvin Cooley,
William McDaniel, and
Samuel H. Fitch.
} Justices of Peace. } Grant County.

Nathan C. Stone,
Farmer Chickering,
Daniel A. Gray, and
Joseph D. Pierce,
} Justices of the Peace } Rock County

January 6th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge by and with the advice and consent of the ~~Legislative~~ Executive Council commissioned the following officers Viz.

Lorenzo Jones of Racine County, aid to the Commander in Chief of the militia of the Territory.

January 9th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council commissioned the following officers Viz.

Charles Fuller, Sheriff, } Brown County
John Last, Notary Public, }
Henry B. Field, } Justices of the Peace }
David Johnson, }
John Bannister. }

Marshall M. Strong, District Attorney, } Racine County
Isaac G. Northway, Public Administrator }
Levi Grant, }
Abbe W. Lemmick, }
Thomas E. Parmelee, }
Charles Lee, } Justices of the Peace }
William Bull, }
Isaac Hanson, and }
Joseph Adams. }

January 10th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council commissioned the the following officers. Viz.

Alfred L. Brunson, } Justices of the Peace. } Crawford County.
John S. Lockwood, } " " " " } Green County.
James Southerland, } " " " " } Grant County.
John C. Bowner, } " " " " }

~~Hyram~~ Brown, } Justices of the Peace } Rock County.
William W. Turner, }
~~Hazen~~ Cheney, District Attorney, }
Rhel Park, Auctioneer, }

James W. Bail, Justice of the Peace, for Walworth County.

~~Henry~~ O. Sholes, } Justices of the Peace } Brown County
Seymour Wilcox, }
Randall Abner, Jr. }
John Johnson, Jr. }
~~Henry~~ Jones. }

Charles C. P. Arndt, District Attorney, } Brown County
Reuben Field, Junr Public Administrator, }

January 11th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following Officers Viz.

Sylvester W. Dunbar. Justice of the Peace. } Milwaukee County
Jeremiah Russell C.
Granville T. Sprague, } Justices of the Peace } Rock County
Berry Haney,
Otis F. Parks, } Racine County
Burley Foylette, Auctioneer, for the County of
Benjamin Martin, Justice of the Peace for Iowa County
Obed King, Public Administrator,
Bennett Atwood, Justice of the Peace } Grant County

On this day the resignation of Sylvester W. Dunbar, heretofore appointed Justice of the Peace for the County of Milwaukee was received and accepted.

January 13th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following Officers Viz.

William S. Booth, Justice of the Peace for Grant County
Sylvester W. Dunbar, Notary Public,
James S. Bigelow, Justice of the Peace } Milwaukee County
Peter B. Grignon, Auctioneer,
George W. Lawe, Notary Public, } Brown County

January 17th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, commissioned the following persons, to office, to hold the same until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council. Viz.

Christopher Dougall, } Supreme Court Commissioners. } Walworth County.
Edward Elderkin,
Israel Williams, Justice of the Peace,
John F. Patten, Notary Public.

January 20th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, approved the bond of Samuel B. Knapp, Fiscal Agent of the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory.

February 3d 1840

On this day the Commissions issued on the 31st December last to Nathaniel C. Cobb, Justice of the Peace for Milwaukee County, was returned in consequence of an error in the name.

And on this day a commission was issued to Nathaniel C. Cobb for the same office — to hold the same until the end of the next Legislative Council.

February 22d 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, appointed Commissioners for the several Land districts of the Territory, as followed, to locate the lands, granted by Congress for the use and support of a University. Viz.

John O. Vanderdam, of Brown County, in Green Bay District
William B. Sheldon, of Rock do. in Milwaukee do.
Thomas. Hugell, of Grant do. in Wisconsin do.

March 6th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, approved the bond of Nathaniel C. Prentiss, Commissioner, for the erection of Public Buildings at Madison in Wisconsin Territory.

March 11th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, executed bonds, numbered one to fifty (inclusive) of Wisconsin Six per cent Stock, for one thousand dollars each authorized to be issued by an act of the Legislative Assembly, entitled "An act to provide for aiding in the Construction of the Milwaukee and Rock river canal."

Also, on this day appointed Byron Kilbourn Esqu. Agent to make sale of the bonds above described, and the Bank of America, in the City of New York the agent of the Territory to receive the sum of money obtained on said bonds, and to transfer the same, on the order of the Governor of Wisconsin Territory.

March 19th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, issued a commission to James D. Bowden, as Justice of the Peace, for the County of Iowa – to hold his office until the end of the next Legislative Council.

Also, on this day approved the bond of Volney French Esq. Notary Public of Racine County.

March 23d 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, issued a commission to Curtis B. Brooks, as Justice of the Peace for the County of Milwaukee – to hold his office until the end of the next Legislative Council.

Also, issued on this day a commission to S. Allen Barber, as Judge of Probate, for the County of Grant to hold his office until the end of the next Legislative Council.

On this day the resignation of Henry Wood, as Judge of Probate, for the County of Grant, was received and accepted.

March 31st 1840

On this day the resignation of Henry B. Welch, heretofore appointed Justice of the Peace, for Brown County, was received and accepted. ——

March 31st 1840

Also, on this day issued the following Commissions to officers in the Militia — to hold this Commission til the end of the next session of Legislative Council, Viz.

First Regiment

Cromwell Loyd, Captain, } Company
Andrew J. Heuitt, First Lieut. }
Benjamin Crawford, Second do. }

Second Regiment

David Blish, Captain, } First Company
William Stewart, First Lieut. }
David Rice, Second do. }

Samuel Dennis, Captain, } Second Company
Alexander Grignon, First Lieut. }
William Powell, Second Lieut. }

Crighton Lucas, First Lieut. } Third Company
Joseph L. Shoby, Second Lieut. }

Elisha S. Thorp, Captain, } Fifth Company
Benj. C. Trowbridge First Lieut. }
Benj. R. Fanning, Second Lieut. }

Seymour Wilcox, Captain } Sixth Company
James S. Town, First Lieut. }
Oscar Pier, Second Lieut. }

Third Regiment

John Cabin, Major,

John T. Wright Captain, } First Company
William Hale, First Lieut. }
Morgan L. Burdick, Second Lieut }

Adam E Ray, Captain } Second Company
John M. Wells, First Lieut }
Martin Field, Second Lieut. }

Benj. H. Edgerton, Captain, } Fourth Company
Chauncy H. Peak, First Lieut. }
Woodbury J. Field Second Lieut. }

David Brandfit, Captain } Fifth Company
Thomas D. Hoyt, First Lieut. }
Hosea Burdick, Second Lieut. }

Philip C. Schuyler, Captain, } Sixth Company
Charles W. Hoyt, First Lieut }
Morris Foster, Second Lieut. }

William M. Dennis, Captain, } Seventh Company
Simeon C. Brown, First Lieut }
John Richards, Second do. }

April 1st 1840

On this day the letter of Joseph Snider Esq. resigning his office of member of this Council from this district composed of the original County of Crafod was received and accepted.

Also, on this day

His Excellency Governor Henry Dodge issued the following Proclamation Viz:—

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin:
To the Sheriff of the County of Crawford:

Whereas it is provided in the 19th and 22nd Sections of an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 9th 1839. that, when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly, by death, resignation, or otherwise the Governor shall issue a writ of election, directed to the Sheriff of the County or District, in which such vacancy shall happen, commanding him to notify the several judges of election in said County or District, to hold an election to fill such vacancy: And whereas, a vacancy has occured in the district composed of the original County of Crawford, by the resignation of Joseph Brunot, late a member of Council from said district.

Now therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of this Territory, and in consideration of the foregoing premises, I, Henry Dodge, Governor of the said Territory, have issued this writ of election commanding you to notify the several judges of election in the said district to hold an election to fill said vacancy on Friday the twelfth day of June next.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed

Done at Mineral Point this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

L. S.

April 13th 1840

On this day the bond of S. A. Norman, appointed auditor of the Territory on the 14th of December last, this day received and accepted—

May 6th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, issued the following commissions in the first regiment of Wisconsin Militia, to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council. Viz—

Charles Gear, Captain:
Almon W. Gillett, First Lieut. } Company A.
James Irwin, Second Lieut. }
David Southwell, Captain, Company B.
Justus Rosecrant, Captain,
David Talley First Lieut.
George Hollensmith Second Lieut. } Company C.

John Key, Captain,
Sobyra Blaisly, First Lieut. } Company D.
Elihu Hall, Second Lieut.

Lewis M. Comfort, First Lieut. Company F.

Charles H. Leggate, Captain
Orman Paddock, First Lieut. } Company G.
William Tyrer, Second Lieut.

Jehnathan Meeker, First Lieut.
Moses Darnal, Second Lieut. } Company H.

Also,

On this day examined and approved the schedule of lands selected for the use and support of a University in the Territory within the Green Bay Land district, and transmitted the same to the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington.

May 20th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, Commissioned the following officers, to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council. Viz.

Samuel M. Lewis, Captain of a Volunteer Company of Mounted Riflemen, in Grant County.

Andrew McFarland, Jun. First Lieut. } Same Company.
Morris L. Lear, Second Lieut.

Jared Crane, Captain, Third Regiment.
Royal Tyler, First Lieut do do
Edgar Martin Second Lieut do do

May 26th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned the following officers to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council. Viz.

Simon M. Francis, Captain, of a Company of Mounted Riflemen
Edward O. Foster, First Lieut. " " do do
Elbridge G. Fifield Second Lieut. " " do do

June 1st 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned John M. Casey, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Walworth, to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council.

June 10th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, approved the bond of D. H. Tweedy, elected by joint vote of the Legislative Assembly Receiver of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal.

June 10th 1840.

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, commissioned the following Officers, to hold their Offices until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Viz:

Horace Fletcher, Notary Public for Milwaukie County.

Thomas W. Southerland, Major of the Separate battalion of the Militia, Composed of the Counties of Dane and Grant

Daniel Shuley, Major of the Seperate battalion of the Militia Composed of the County of Rock.

On this day the Resignation of Jonathan Wheelock, Colonel of the 2nd. Regimental District, dated 23d. of April last, was received and accepted.

June 23d. 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge, approved the bond of John Ramsdell, a notary public in & for the County of Racine, dated 3d. of January last.

Also. on this day approved the bond of Horace Fletcher, heretofore appointed a notary public for the County of Milwaukie, dated 16th. inst.

June 24th 1840

On this day His Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge, issued the following Proclamation. Viz:—

Whereas, it is represented to me that on the night of the thirtieth of May last, near Prairie du Chein, in the County of Crawford and Territory of Wisconsin, a unheard and atrocious murder was committed on the body of Orange L. Bidwell, a discharged Soldier, by some person or persons unknown.

Now therefore, I have deemed it proper to issue this proclamation offering a reward of one hundred dollars for the arrest of the perpetrator or perpetrators of this foul homicide, to be paid upon the conviction of such person or persons to the individual who shall have caused such arrest. And I do hereby enjoin upon all officers, charged with the execution of the laws, to be vigilant in discovering and bringing to justice the offender or offenders, and do enjoin upon all good citizens the duty of giving all the aid in their power to the accomplishment of the same purpose.

In testimony whereof I have signed these presents, and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed thereto at Mineral Point this twenty seventh day of June A. D. 1840.

L. S.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

June 29th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor ~~Henry~~ Dodge, Commissioned Benjamin F. Cazkendall, a Justice of the Peace, of the town of Kanekanick, in the County of Milwaukie,— to hold the Office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

July 15th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned Silas P. Wells, Esq. District Attorney for the County of Lucas, to hold his Office until the end of the next Legislative Council

On this day the resignation of Alexander W. Mitchell, Esq. as Engineer of the Milwaukee and Rock river canal, was received, and accepted.

July 28th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned Berry Haney, Justice of the Peace, of Madison in the County of Dane to hold his Office until the next Session of the Legislative Council

August 4th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the ~~Commissioned~~ ~~Sidney and consent of the Legislative Council~~ ~~Commissioned the following~~ Officers ~~to hold their offices until the next Session of the Legislative Council~~ Viz.

First Regiment.

Charles Dear, Captain,
Simon Gillett 1st Lieut. } Company A.
James Irwin 2nd. do.

David Southwick, Captain. Company B.

Justice Deselhorst Captain
David Seeley, 1st Lieut. } Company C.
George Messersmith, 2nd. do.

John Ray. Captain,
Joshua Baily, 1st Lieut. } Company D.
Elihu Hall 2nd do.

Augustus M. Comfort, 1st do. Company E.

Charles H. Legate, Captain
Orman H. Paddock. 1st Lieut. } Company G.
William Tyner 2nd do.

Johnathan Meeker 1st do. } Company H.
Moses. Darnell. 2d do.

Cromwell Loyd. Captain
Benj Crawford. 2nd. Lieut. } Company I.

Second Regiment.

William Stewart, 1st Lieut. } First Company.
Samuel Shurtz, Captain
Alexander Grigson 1st Lieut. } Second Company.
William Powell, 2nd. do.
Creighton Lucas, 1st do. } Third Company.
Joseph L. Colcord 2nd. do.
Elisha S. Thos. Captain
Benj: C. Coubridge, 1st Lieut. } Fifth Company.
Benj: R. Thurmon, 2nd. do.
Seymour Wilcox. Captain
Thomas P. Towns. 1st Lieut. } Sixth Company.

August 4th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, delivered the following message to the two houses of the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory.—

Fellow-citizens of the Council
and House of Representatives!

You are assembled in pursuance of a special Legislative act, of the 11th day of January last, for the purpose of making the apportionment of representatives for the House of Representatives in the several Counties of this Territory. In conformity to the law above cited, I entered into a Contract, on the part of the Territory, on the 17th of February last, with the United States Marshall, for a full and complete transcript of the enumeration of all persons residing in the Territory, agreeably to the forms of returns, prescribed in an act of the Congress of the United States, entitled "An act to provide for taking the sixth Census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States." The Marshall has filed with me the transcript of the enumeration as made by him, which is herewith submitted to the Legislative Assembly for their action. It is a subject of vital interest to the people of the Territory, that the representation in the several Counties should be made as equal as practicable.— The elective franchise is the foundation of our inestimable privileges as freemen; and, so long as the people are intelligent and enlightened, and they determine the comparative merits of individuals by their suffrages at the polls, our republican institutions remain unimpaired.

As you are assembled for a special purpose, and your session will be of short duration, I do not deem it necessary to call your attention to but few subjects not connected with the object for which we are assembled. Should, however the good of the people require acts of Legislation, you will have my co-operation in support of such measures as have for their object the good of our Constituents.

I would respectfully invite the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the failure on the part of the Contractor, in printing the laws of the late session. Much inconvenience and expense, as well as delay, has heretofore resulted to the people of this Territory, from a failure in printing and promulgating the laws at an early period after the close of each session of the Legislative Assembly. Laws have been enacted that have not been distributed for several months after their passage. It is useless to enact laws unless they are printed and distributed to the people. There is no branch of the government so important to the rights of the Community as the judiciary; the lives, liberties, reputation and property of the people depend on the due administration of justice. Hence the great necessity of their having the laws by which they are governed.

I would respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the propriety of appointing a committee to investigate the state and condition of the Bank of Mineral Point, and to make their report during the present session.

The people of the Territory are deeply interested in having a sound currency, and they have a right to expect that the utmost vigilance will be observed on the part of their representatives to effect that state of things.

It is submitted to your consideration whether

would not be advisable to appoint Commissioners by law, to examine the state and condition of the Bank of Musical Saint, at such times as they might deem the interests of the people might require it, and to make their report at each session of the Legislative Assembly. If the Bank, acts in conformity to the provisions of her charter, she will be interested in letting that fact be made known to the public, and should she violate its provisions, the interests of Community requires that legal steps should be taken to arrest a state of things so injurious to the best interests of the People.

The removal of the Winebago Indians to their country West of the Mississippi river, under the orders of the Honorable Secretary of War, is calculated to relieve the frontier inhabitants from the frequent depradations on their stock and other property. I am advised by the commanding General of the United States troops, charged with the removal of the Winebago Indians, that, should any of them remain in the country east of the Mississippi, the dragoons will be detached to collect them, and form an escort for their removal from this Territory.

A peace has been recently concluded at Prairie du Chien, between the Sac, Fox, and Winebago Indians, which will have a good effect in restraining the former Indians from committing acts of hostility on the Winebagoes, and will be the means of keeping them within their country east of the Mississippi,

The removal of the Winebagoes will enable our enterprising citizens to extend their settlements to a desirable and interesting country north of the Wisconsin River.

By an act of the Congress of the United States, passed at the last session, the right of preemption has been extended to the people of Wisconsin, with the people of the States and Territories of this Union. — This act of justice to the pioneers of the West, is calculated to have the most salutary effects. — The settlers on the public lands in this Territory form the best safeguard for the defence of our extended frontier from the encroachments of the Indians. The occupants of the public lands acquire an interest in the soil that renders them independent; and they are the means of exploreing the great natural advantages of this Territory thereby facilitating its settlement, and promoting its prosperity.

In conclusion fellow-citizens, I trust that harmony and good feeling will govern your deliberations, and that we may proceed with as much dispatch as will be consistant with our duties in the completion of the public trust for which we are convened —

(Signed) Henry Dodge —

August 1st 1840

Ozeas Pike, 2nd. Lieut. } Sixth Company.

Third Regiment.

John T. Haight, Captain. }
John Corbin, Major, } First Company.
William Hale, 1st Lieut. }
Morgan L. Bedick, 2d Lieut. }

Adam E. Ray, Captain, }
John M. Wells, 1st Lieut } Second Company.
Martin Field, 2nd. do. }

Jared Crane, Captain, }
Royal Tyler, 1st Lieut. } Third Company.
Edgar Masters 2nd. do. }

Benj. H. Edgerton, Captain } Fourth Company.
Woodbury S. Field, 2nd Lieut. }

Daniel Proudfit Captain }
Thomas D. Hoyt 1st Lieut } Fifth Company.
Horace Burdick, 2nd do. }

Philip C. Schuyler, Captain, }
Charles M. Tefft 1st Lieut. } Sixth Company.
Morris Foster 2nd Lieut. }

William M. Dennis. Captain, }
Simeon C. Brown 1st Lieut. } Seventh Company.
John Richards 2nd. do. }

Fourth Regiment.

Micheal Hawke, Colonel.

Albert G. Knight Captain, } First Company.
Elias D. Capron 1st Lieut. }

Asa A. Rice, Captain, }
Archibald Cooper, 1st Lieut. } Second Company.
Otis L. Whitmore, 2nd. do. }

Jacob C. Bloom Captain, } Fourth Company.
Albert A. Loomis, 1st Lieut. }

David B. Burnam Captain }
Charles G. Otting 1st Lieut. } Fifth Company.
Horatio C. Train 2nd. do. }

Nathaniel Martin Captain. }
Geo. W. Willis 1st Lieut } Sixth Company.
Garrien C. Holt 2nd. do. }

Urban D. Meacham, Captain. }
Egbert C. Wheeler, 1st Lieut. } Sixth Company.
Hyram Perry, 2nd. do }

Hyram Adelkins, Captain }
Asa Utter, 1st Lieut } Tenth Company.
Edmund Norris, 2nd. do }

Edward Elderkin, Captain } Eleventh Company.
Luce Rand, 1st Lieut }

August 4th 1840

Benj. G. Harrington 2nd. Lieut. } Eleventh Co. Infantry.
William Cutler, Major of the 2nd Independent Battalion Composed of the Counties of Jefferson and Dodge.

Thomas W. Vaughan Lieut. Major of the 3rd Independent Battalion Composed of the Counties of Grant and Iowa.

David Irwin, Major of the 4th Independent Battalion Composed of the County of Rock.

Benoni W. Stuck, Captain,
Edward C. Foster, 1st Lieut.
Elbridge G. Fifield, 2nd. do. } Company of Mounted Riflemen Jefferson and Dodge Counties.
Samuel P. Lewis, Captain,
Andrew McFarland 1st Lieut.
Morris L. Lear. 2nd. do. } Company of Mounted Riflemen in Grant County.

Also, the following civil Commissions.—

In the County of Crawford.

Joel Allen Barber, Judge of Probate.
Nehemiah Lacey.
Thomas L. Crockwell. } Justices of the Peace.
James Chapman
Horace Fletcher, Notary Public.
Russell Frisbee } Town of Seymour
Curtis B. Brown }
Nathan Cobb.
Benj F. Cagkendall } Town of Kinnekanick
Joseph Bond. Town of Megquango.
Jacob H. Kimball. Town of Prairieville
Alfred W. Norris, Town of New Berlin
Barton Salisbury, Town of Washington
Asahel Finch Jun.
Henry M. Hubbard } Town of Milwaukee
Berdy Haney } Justice of the Peace, } Dane County.
Theophilus La Chappelle } Justice of the Peace } Crawford County.
Austin Stone } Justice of the Peace } Town of Pleasant Prairie } Racine Co.
Levi S. Carey.
Henry B. Tousley } Notaries Public. } Racine County.
Christopher Douglass.
Edward Elderkin,
John F. Potter,
Israel Williams,
Charles M. Baker.
John N. Capron,
William Bell,
} Supreme Court Commissioners Justices of the Peace } Walworth County.

August 8th 1840.

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and Consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following Officers ~~to hold their offices until the next Session of the Legislative Council~~ Viz.

John P. Sheldon } District Attorney } Green County.
James D. Doty } Justice of the Peace } Iowa do
Joel T. Fisk } Notary Public } Brown do
George Kline Jun.
Gideon Truesdale
Gilbert Conrad
John P. Gallup } Justices of the Peace } County of Portage

August 12th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and Consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned the following Officers Viz:

John Watterbury, Justice of the Peace for the town of Ozlalare, in the County of Jefferson;

Also, Isaac T. Brown, first lieutenant of the fourth Company and 3d Regiment of the Third Regiment.

August 13th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, by and with the advice and Consent of the Legislative Council Commissioned Edward D. Hilton, to the office of Supreme Court Commissioner, for the County of Rock.

August 14th 1840

On this day the resignation of Daniel Wells, Junr, Member of the Council from the Counties of Milwaukee, and, Washington, was received and accepted.

August 18th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge Commissioned John D. Waterbury, a Justice of the Peace in the County of Jefferson — to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council —

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge made a demand of his Excellency the Governor of Illinois for the apprehension and delivery to the Sheriff of the County of Grant of John Kinney a fugitive from the Justice of the said County of Grant as follows. Viz:

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.

To his Excellency, the Goveror of the State of Illinois.

Whereas, It appears from the annexed Depositions duly authenticated according to law, that John Kinney, stands charged with the crime of "larceny and stealing &c." and who

It has been represented to me that John Kinney has fled from the justice of this Territory, and has taken refuge, at or near Quincy, within the State of Illinois:

Now therefore, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, in such cases made and provided, I do hereby require that the said John Kinney be apprehended and delivered to Harvey Leffler, Sheriff of the County of Grant in this Territory, who is hereby authorized to receive and bring said to said Territory, there to be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Mineral Point, this eighteenth day of August A. D. 1840.

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

L. S.

By the Governor
W. B. Slaughter
Sec. Wis. Territory.

Also, issued the following writ to the Sheriff of Grant County.

Territory of Wisconsin,
Executive Department.

To Harvey Leffler, Sheriff of the County of Grant. Greeting. You are hereby authorized and required to receive from the proper authorities of the State of Illinois the body of John Kinney, against whom a bill of indictment was found at the March term of the District Court for the year 1839, for the County of Grant, for "Larceny and stealing records" and, you are further required to transport the said Kinney in safety to the said County of Grant, in order that he may be there tried on the said charge, according to law.

Given under my hand at Mineral Point this Eighteenth day of August A. D. 1840 and in testimony of which the great seal of the Territory has been hereunto affixed.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

L. S.

By the Governor,
W. B. Slaughter.
Sec. Wis. Ter.

Also.

On this day Commissioned the following Officers, to hold their offices until the end of the next Legislative Council, Viz.

Robert Campbell, 1st Lieut.
Curtis Sand, 2nd. do. } Company E First Regiment.
Thomas V. Shaw, Captain
Thomas D. Pole 1st Lieut.
Warren Johnson 2nd. do. } Company of Mounted Riflemen in Iowa County.

August 22nd. 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned Increase A. Lapham, as Chief Engineer of the Milwaukie and Rock river canal, — to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council.

August 22nd. 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, issued a proclamation for an election in the District composed of the Counties of Milwaukee and Washington to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Daniel Wells, member of the Council from the said District. To Wit.

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.
A Proclamation

To the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee, Greeting —

Whereas, it is provided in the nineteenth and twenty second sections of an act of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, entitled, "an act to provide for and regulate general elections" approved March 9th A.D. 1839 that, when any vacancy shall happen in the office of members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or district in which such vacancy shall happen, commanding him to notify the several Judges of election in his County, or districts to hold an election to fill such vacancy: And whereas, a vacancy has occured in the district composed of the counties of Milwaukee and Washington, by the resignation of Daniel Wells Junior. late a member of the Council from said District.

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Territory, and in consideration of the foregoing premises, I, Henry Dodge, Governor of the said Territory, have issued this writ of Election, commanding you to notify the several judges of election in said district to hold an election to fill said vacancy on the fourth Monday of September next, being the time for holding the general elections in this Territory.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed

L. S.

Done at Mineral Point this twenty second day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

August 24th A.D. 1840

On this day the letter of William A. Prentiss resigning his seat as member of the Council from the Counties of Milwaukee and Washington, was received and accepted.

Also, on this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, issued a proclamation for an Election in this District composed of the County of Milwaukee, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation

of Hon. William A. Prentiss, member of the Council from said District to wit.

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
A Proclamation
To the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee, Greeting.

Whereas, it is provided in the nineteenth and twenty second sections of an act "to provide and regulate general elections," approved March 9th 1839.- that, when any vacancy shall happen in the office of Members of the Council or House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the County or district in which such vacancy shall happen, commanding him to notify the several judges of election in his County or district to hold an election to fill such vacancy: And whereas, a vacancy has occured in the district composed of the County of Milwaukee, by the resignation of William A. Prentiss. - late a member of the Council from said District.

Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Territory, and in consideration of the foregoing premises, I Henry Dodge, Governor of the said Territory have issued this writ of election, commanding you to notify the several judges of election in said district to hold an election to fill said vacancy on the fourth Monday of September next, being the time for holding the general election in this Territory.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed.

L. S.

Done at Mineral Point this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

Also. on this day issued a proclamation revoking the Commission of Daniel Dick Justice of the Peace in the County of Calumet, as follows. To Wit.

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
To all whom it may concern.... Greeting

Whereas, Daniel Dick, of the County of Calumet in this Territory was, on the twenty eth day of December last, appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace, for said County: and whereas it has been represented to me by the members of the Legislative Assembly from the district of which this County is part, that the said Daniel Dick, was not the person intended to have been recommended for said appointment, that, from frequent intoxication, he is unfitted for the duties of the office, and that much dissatisfaction exists in the neighborhood in which he resides

from his holding the said appointment.

Now therefore by reason of the foregoing premises, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, I do hereby revoke and determine the Commission of the said Daniel Dick, from and after the date of these presents.

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Mineral Point this twenty fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed.—

(Signed) Henry Dodge

August 28th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned Reed Bartlett, as Adjutant of the Second regiment of Wisconsin Militia.— to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council.

September 5th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned Thomas P. Street a Notary Public for the County of Crawford.— to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council.

September 10th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, Commissioned Benjamin C. Eastman, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grant— to hold his office until the end of the next Legislative Council.

September 12th 1840

On this day the resignation of Henry M. Billings Esq, as Captain of the eighth Company of Iowa Militia,— was received and accepted.

Also. on this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, approved the bond of Levi Cary, a Notary Public in the County of Racine— to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council. Also. on this day, Commissioned John Mann, as a Justice of the Peace, for the County of Dane to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council. Also. on this day, Commissioned Benka Kercheval, as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Sauk— to hold his office until the end of the session of the next Legislative Council.—

September 15th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Henry Dodge, commissioned the following officers— to hold their offices until the end of the Next session of the Legislative Council. Viz.

Abel Bardell Captain of the first Company of the Battalion composed of the Counties of Green Dane and Sauk.—

Adam Smith, second Lieut— of the first Company of the Battalion Composed of the Counties of Green Dane and Sauk.

Abram Tull, Surgeon,
Berry Haney, Adjutant with the rank of 1st Lieut. } Battalion, composed
John T. Wilson, 1st Lieut. } 1st Company } of the Counties of Green, Dane, and Sauk.

October 5th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following officers to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council.—

Ezra Gleason, Justice of the Peace } Grant County.
Joseph Woodle, Sheriff } Green County.—

Also, On this day the resignation of John W. Denniston, heretofore appointed Sheriff of Green County.— was received and accepted.

October 8th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, Commissioned the following officers— to hold their offices until the end of next session of the Legislative Council—Viz.

William T. Anderson,	Captain,	of	Company	C.
James C. Campbell,	do	"	do	E.
Stephen O. Payne,	do	"	do	A.
John A. Brandon,	do	"	do	G.
William S. Booth,	do	"	do	H.
Isaac Woodward,	do	"	do	F.
Cloras A. Lagrave,	do	"	do	E.
Sylvester Wolfield,	do	"	do	D.

October 13th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned David Brigham, as District Attorney for the County of Dane— to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council—

Also, on this day, Commissioned Samuel H. Farnsworth as Justice of the Peace, for the county of Brown— to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council—

October 22d 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge issued the following Proclamation, To Wit.

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin
For a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise

Our Annual harvest has been gathered in, in its abundance, furnishing to the labors of the husbandman a rich reward, and to all, a large share of the bounties of a kind Providence. Health, peace and happiness, generally prevail throughout our Territory: We are in the full enjoyment of the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and of mild and equal laws; we have our dwellings in a portion of the earth abounding in natural resources and advantages, with a soil which amply repays the

labor required for its Cultivation, and a Climate as this is favorable to health of body, vigor of intellect and energy of Character; industry, intelligence, and a Spirit of enterprise mark the Character of our population: religion in its institutions, principles, and influences, is respected; good order is observed, and the interests of education are cherished among us. We have national and becoming Cause, while in the enjoyment of these and other Blessings, as a people we should unitedly lift up our voices and our hearts in thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven, the Author of all good.

In witness of our unbounded Blessings, and in pursuance of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, I do hereby appoint the 26th day of November next, to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer. And the people of this Territory are all requested to unite in the usual religious exercises, and to spend the day in a manner best calculated to show forth their gratitude to God. Let us entreat our Heavenly Father to continue to us his benignant smiles and to watch over all our interests as a Territory, and while enjoying the blessed influences of the Gospel may we not neglect to cultivate its Spirit, and to illustrate its principals in our lives, in an especial manner, are we reminded at this time of our obligations to cherish and manifest a Spirit of Christian benevolence. Let us endeavor a prompt and cheerfull Compliance to these obligations, not only by remembering the poor and opening the hand of Charity to supply the wants of the needy, but by cultivating and exercising a more kindly feeling towards each other in all the various relations and intercourse of society. Let the asperities of feeling produced by collisions of opinions and all uncharitableness, however generated, yield to the softening influences of the season: and may unfeigned gratitude to God and universal benevolence, love and good will to man, fit us for a strict observance of the divine injunction of doing unto others as we would they should do unto us.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the Territory, at Mineral Point, this twenty second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and the independance of the United States the sixty-fifth.

L. S.

(Signed) Henry Dodge

By the Governor

October 26th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, commissioned Horatio N. Wilcox, an Auctioneer for the County of Walworth, to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council.

October 29th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, Commissioned Alexis Bailly, as Justice of the Peace for the County of Crawford. — to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council —

October 30th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned the following officers. — to hold their offices until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council —

Thomas C. Hunt, Quarter Master;
Joseph Moore, Surgeon's Mate;
Joseph Brisbois Ady Master,
William S. Lockwood, Captain,
John H. Fundey, 1st Lieut. } First Company.
John Maynard, 2nd. Lieut. }
Hiram D. Allen, Captain of third Company.
Lyman M. Warren. Captain of Fourth do.
Robert J. Bell. Adjutant,
Charles Tuttle, Quarter Master;
Seymour S. Stoughton, Pay Master;
Gilbert McNaughton Captain } First Company.
Charles Hunt. 1st Lieut. }
Otis Stone, 2nd. do }
Harmin Chickering, Captain, } Second Company.
George W. Ogden, 1st Lieut. }
Isaac T. Smith 2nd do }
Terence Yates. Captain, } Third Company
Stephen E. Sumner, 1st Lieut. }
Ephraim Hildreth, 2nd do. }
Charles P. Bell, Captain } Fourth Company
Otis P. Bicknell, 1st Lieut, }
Holland Moore, 2nd do }

Separate Battalion Composed of the Counties of Crawford and St Croix

Separate Battalion Composed of the County of Rock.

Genas Chandler, Surgeon;
Oliver E. Strong, do Mate; } First Regiment.
Philip W. Thomas, Pay Master;
Russell Baldwin, Quarter do
David Ward, Surgeon, } Second Regiment.
F. F. Hamilton, Quarter Master
James B. Miller, Adjutant, } Third Regiment.

October 31st 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, issued the following Proclamation to wit.

Henry Dodge
Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin.
A Proclamation

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:—

Whereas in

Conformity with the provisions of an act of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, entitled "An act to organize the County of Washington and for other purposes," approved August 13th 1840, an election was held in said County on Monday the twelfth day of October inst. for the purpose of permanently establishing the Seat of Justice in the said County of Washington; and whereas the result of the said election has been duly certified and transmitted to me in the manner required by law, from which it appears that the place or point known and described on the plats of survey in the office of the Milwaukee land district (in which the same is situated) as the north east quarter of section number twenty four (24), in township number Ten (10), north, of range number twenty one (21), east of the fourth principal Meridian, did receive a majority of votes over all other points or places voted for.—

Now therefore in consideration of the foregoing premises, and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by said act, I have issued this proclamation declaring the result of said election and the place or point, hereinbefore designated to be the seat of Justice of said County of Washington, from the date hereof.—

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed,

L.S.

Done at Mineral Point this thirty first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

(Signed) Henry Dodge.

November 4th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge, Commissioned Walton C. Dickerson, a Justice of the Peace for the town of Salem in the County of Racine:— to hold the same until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council—

November 5th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Received the resignation of M. L. Foster as Second Lieutenant of the sixth Company in the third regiment of Wisconsin Militia—

November 16th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Commissioned Edward McSherry Military Secretary with the rank of Major to hold his office during the pleasure of the Governor

November 10th 1840.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Received the resignation of Francis J. Lucas Esqr. as District Attorney of the County of Iowa

December 15th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows

William R. Smith District Attorney for the County of Iowa for the term of three years and

Samuel Hale Junior Justice of the Peace for the County of Racine for the term of two years from the 22nd December inst

December 18th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows.

In the County of Walworth Parkins S. Cheiles and James Vedder Justices of the Peace

In the county of St Croix Alfred Brunson District Attorney Phineas Lawson and Sheriff Joseph R Brunson Surveyor Andrew Robertson Auctioneer George Walker Judge of Probate and David Nowlin James R Elwell Jeremiah Russell Joseph Haskell & Orang Walker Justices of the Peace

In the County of Crawford Seth Hill Justice of the peace

December 21st 1840.

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council Commissioned

William S. Sterling Librarian for the Territory for the term of two years

December 22nd 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows

William A Banks Master in Chancery for Iowa County for three years

Ebenezer Eastabrook Master in Chancery for three years and Notary Public for two years for the County of Walworth &

Henry A. Winkley Justice of the peace for Milwaukee County

December 23 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows

Martin Field Jonathan Parsons & Whitcomb Hayes Justices of the peace for the County of Milwaukee

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Received the resignation of Orgin Parkinson as Justice of the peace in the County of Racine

December 24th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Approved & bill from the House of Representatives viz

An Act concerning County Officers in the County of Iowa and for other purposes

Also a bill from the Council viz

An act for the relief of the Settlers on the Canal Lands in the Counties of Milwaukee & Jefferson

January 4th 1841

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge Received the resignation of Elisha Hill as Justice of the peace for the County of Racine

January 5 1841

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council gave the following Commissions Viz

Lucius Boughan District Attorney for the County of Iowa for the term of three years

John L Waterbury Justice of the peace for the County of Jefferson for the term of two years.

Joseph Woodle Sheriff for the County of Green for the term of three years

Samuel Scampkins and Ezra Gleason Justices of the peace for the County of Grant for the term of two years.

James Bordeaux and Nilson Dewey Justices of the peace for the County of Grant for the term of two years from and after the tenth day of January inst

In the Militia

First Regiment

Zenith Chandler Surgeon
Elvin E. Strong Surgeons Mate
Philip W. Thomas Paymaster
Russell Baldwin Quarter Master

Company E

Robert Campbell 1st Lieutenant
Curtis Lamb Second Lieutenant

Mounted Rifle Company Thomas L. Shaw Captain
Thomas J. Pole 1st Lieutenant
Warren Johnson Second Lieutenant

Second Regiment

David Ware Surgeon
F F Hamilton Quarter Master
Rue Bartlett Adjutant

Third Regiment

James B Miller Acjutant

Fifth Regiment

Stephen C. Payne Captain of Company A
James C Campbell Captain of Company B
William S. Edmeson Captain of Company C
Sylvester Warfield Captain of Company D
Elvers Delagrave Captain of Company E
Isaac Woodward Captain of Company F
John Bronson Captain of Company G
William S Both Captain of Company H

Separate Battalion No 1.

Thomas P. Hunt Quarter Master
Stephen Dixon Surgeons Mate
Joseph Brisbois Paymaster

First Company

William L. Lockwood Captain
John H Sunday Joint Lieutenant
John Maynard Second Lieutenant

Third Company

Noram S. Allen Captain

Fourth Company

Lyman M. Warren Captain

Separate Battalion No 2

Berry Haney Adjutant
Elmon Lull Surgeons Mate

First Company	Abell Randall Captain
	J. T. Nelson first Lieutenant
	Adam Smith Second Lieutenant
Separate Battalion No 3.	Robert J. Bell Adjutant
	Charles Tuttle Quarter Master
	Ingram P. Slaughter Paymaster
First Company	Gilbert McKnight Captain
	Charles Hart first Lieutenant
	Uria Strong Second Lieutenant
Second Company	Francis Chesborough Captain
	George M Ogden first Lieutenant
	Isaac J. Smith Second Lieutenant
Third Company	Jerome Gates Captain
	Stephen C. Downer first Lieutenant
	Ephraim Wildorth Second Lieutenant
Fourth Company	Charles J. Bell Captain
	Otis P Bucknell first Lieutenant
	Holland Moore Second Lieutenant

December 8th 1840

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge in the hall of the House of Reps entakes at the Capitol in Madison delivered the following Message

Fellow Citizens of the Council

and House of Representatives

In taking a retrospective of the past year our most devout gratitude is called into lively exercise to the almighty dispenser of all good for the many abundant harvests with which he has been pleased to reward the husbandmans; our citizens are developing the great agricultural resources of this Territory the teeming earth has brought forth in great profusion all the products of the soil usually cultivated our climate is of the most genial and salubrious character with a population intelligent industrious and enterprising our March must be onward and the time is not far distant when Wisconsin will form one of the most wealthy and populous States in the Union

As the members of the House of Representatives have been recently elected by the people it is presumed they will bring with them a knowledge of the wants of their Constituents to enable them with the Council to enact such Laws as are suited to their Condition and you may rely on my co operation in support of such Measures as have for their object the good of your Constituents At the last annual Session of the legislative Assembly I submitted to your Consideration and you recommended by your resolutions to the qualified electors of the late elections for members of the House of Representatives to determine by their own Votes Cast at the time whether they were for or against the organization of a State Government I am not advised that there has been any action on the part of the people of the Territory on that subject Since the recent Census returns made by the United States Marshall it appears that Wisconsin has a population of more than thirty thousand people and it is submitted to the Representatives of the people whether any further action should be taken at present

Preparatory to the formation of a State Government

In my Message to the Legislative Assembly of 1838 & recommended the propriety of Memorializing Congress asking them to amend the organic law of this Territory so that the Council may be Composed of Members elected ~~annually~~ ~~this subject has~~ every second year & the House of Representatives to be composed of members elected annually This Subject has received no definate action on the part of Congress I would again respectfully recommend to your consideration aliving Congress on this Subject at the present Session from the recent actions made by the United States Marshall of the Census of the inhabitants it appears that the population has increased since 1838 more than twelve thousand who have no representation in the Council Legislation since the Superintendent should direct an election together once every quadrennial elector should be entitled to the right of voice in the selection of those who represent his interest in the Legislative Assembly In the most populous County in this Territory there has been an uncertainty between the electors and their candidates for the Council and House of Representatives that they were to come up elected for the term of two years in the Council and one year in the House of Representatives Vide 7th Section of the organic Law of this Territory prescribe that all township Officers and all County officers except Judicial Officers Justices of the peace Sheriffs and Clerks of the Courts shall be elected by the people in such manner as may be prescribed by the Governor and Legislative Assembly The Governor shall nominate and by and with the advice and Consent of the Legislative Council shall appoint all Judicial officers Justices of the peace Sheriffs and all Militia officers not herein provided for. I would respectfully recommend to the Legislative Assembly to Memorialize Congress asking them to amend the organic law of this Territory as to permit the qualified electors in each County to elect all their County officers Civil and Military which are now nominated by the Governor and Legislative Assembly The appointment of County officers is now made by the executive on the recommendation of the members of the Legislative Assembly representing the different Counties It would be more satisfactory to the people to elect all their County officers and it would be more in accordance with the spirit of our republican institutions I have also believe the people Competent to govern themselves The organic law Creating the Territory of Iowa has been so amended by Congress as to permit the qualified electors in the Territory to elect all their County Officers and no good reason Can be assigned why Congress should not grant to the people of Wisconsin all the rights and privileges extended to the people of Iowa At the last Session of the Legislative Assembly I deemed it an act of duty to submit the following Communication on the Subject of the Bank of Mineral Point It is Submitted to your consideration whether it would best be advisable to appoint Commissioners by law to examine the State and Condition of the Bank of Mineral Point at such times as they may deem the interest of the people require it and to make their reports at the Commencement of each Session of the Legislative Assembly If the Bank acts in Conformity with the provisions of her charter she will be entitled to confidence but if she violates her provisions the interests of the Community require that legal steps should be taken to arrest a state of things so injurious to the best interests of the people My views as Submitted on the occasion referred to are

are not changed The 21st Section of the act to incorporate the the stockholders of the Bank of Mineral Point reads as follows
Be it enacted that of the Legislature Assembly of the Territory or the Legislative authorities which may hereafter exist in any state to be erected in the Territory in which said Bank or any be located shall deem it fit and expedient for the better regulation of a banking operation to acquire the deposites in a general Safety fund System and the said bank hereafter to be created with this view to acceptance of a general System in said Territory similar to that now in operation in the State of New York and known as the Safety Fund System that then and in that case the charter shall be subject so far to be amended as to make it conform to such a Safety fund System and no further The New York Safety fund System consists of two parts one is to set a part a certain portion of its profits for the redemption of its bill and this is called the fund the other part is that which provides for the appointment of Bank Commissioners from the wording of the Section of the law referred to it would clearly warrant the action of the Legislature Assembly on this subject
The Bank of Mineral Point has issued what is denominated Post note or note payable at a future day this is a violation of all sound Banking it is certainly a dangerously power to be exercised by any banking institution The time of redeeming her notes might be extended to twelve or eighteen Months as well as for four or three Months if a bank is permitted to leave her legitimate business and either the spirit of speculation by dealing in the staple Commodity of the Country her Capital will always enabled her to prostrate in a moment all enterprise to the great injury of the people Banks are created for the benefit of the people and should be confined to the legitimate purposes for which they were created the principal of banking on a large or small Capital is merely the same the greatest gain at the least expense is the ruling motive of action in both and always with the same power the Bank of one thousand thousand dollars Capital in the a Country town as one of Millions in a great Commercial metropolis the whole difference Consists in the influence power of their respective institutions
Among the subjects of much importance to the people there is one to which I would respectfully call your attention That is the creating Corporations and granting Charters Corporations are of two Classes those established for public purposes and those for purposes of a private Nature the first Class Consists of those for religious purposes as Churches for the promotion of the arts and Sciences as Colleges and academies &c and for all purposes of public utility to the attainment of which individual means and exertions are an adequate under proper and Judicious regulations Subjecting them to the Controll of the Legislative Assembly. Should be encouraged and Sustained The other Class embracing those of a private Nature ought in my opinion to be increased in number Charters for Mining Companies have been granted to all who have heretofore applied for them A few persons Collectively have been invested with Corporate Immunities for a length of time beyond the span of the present generation deserving to themselves

powers and immunities Annexed to the rest of the rest of the Community Creating monopolies not only to rival but to put down financial enterprise

By the first Section of an act to provide for carrying in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal approved February 24th 1839 the government was authorized to borrow fifty thousand dollars accordingly bonds were issued to that amount on the 12th of March last executed by one in the name of the Territory and under the authority of the act of Congress for One thousand dollars each bearing an interest of six percentum per annum and payable twenty years thereafter and in conformity of the twenty third Section of the act first mentioned to above Byron Kilbourn Esqr was appointed the agent of the Territory to make sale of said Bonds and the Bank of America in the City of New York designated as the depository of the funds arising therefrom in the event of a Sale I have not been officially advised by the agent appointed on the part of the Territory that he has negotiated a loan for the amount authorized by law or any part thereof In accordance with the provisions of an act to amend an act to provide for carrying in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal approved January 11th 1840 it is made the duty of the Canal Commissioners in case a loan should not be effected on or before the first day of September 1840 to apply all moneys on hand belonging to the canal funds for the construction of the canal the register and receiver of the Canal made their reports of receipts and expenditures dated on the third of September last the receiver had previously made his reports of his receipts and expenditures from November 1st 1839 to August 5th 1840 these reports are submitted for the information of the legislative Assembly

I would again respectfully recommend the Memorializing Congress asking them to extend the right of pre emption to the settlers on the even Sections of land reserved by Congress by the third Section of an act Making appropriations for the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal I will submit my views on this subject as expressed on a former occasion I deem it an act of justice to the settlers on the line of the contemplated Canal that they should be placed on the same ground they would have occupied had they not been located within the limit of the Canal lands and that the right of pre emption should be granted them at the minimum price of the public lands which they made their settlements they no doubt believed they would participate in common with their fellow Citizens in purchasing their homes at the Government price they have had in Common with the other settlers on the public lands to encounter a series of harrassing difficulties incident to the formation of New Settlements they have by their energy and industry enhanced the value of the Lands of the United States in the immediate vicinity of the Contemplated Canal route and are entitled upon honorable principles of Justice as well as the usage of the Government to the favourable Consideration of Congress It has been the policy of the Government to extend every possible encouragement to pre emptions to occupants of the national domain the

policy is wise and just the Government lands should be sold to settlers alone graduating their prices according to their value as wanted them have a population owners of the soil attached to the republican institutions of our Country the desert its self in a few years would become a fruitful field and where the unencumbered first now stands we would have a free enterprising population large tracts of Country in this Territory have been purchased by Companies that permit them to lay waste until they will command the highest prices thereby retarding the settlement of the Territory the true value of the soil can only be explored by labour once the public lands should cease to be an object of speculation when they are so much required for agricultural purposes

In conformity to resolution of the Legislative Assembly an Act passing the appointment of Commissioners in the several land districts for the location of the university lands granted at an early period after the adjournment of the last annual session Congress appointed the Commissioners to make the locations the Commissioners from the Green Bay land contract made his report on the 17th day of April last which was submitted by me to the Secretary of the Treasury under the provisions of an act of Congress approved June 12th 1838 by a communication received from the Commissioners of the General Land Office it appears that the locations as far as they have been made of the university lands have been approved by the treasury Department and the land Officers at green Bay have been furnished with a list of the selected tracts and have been instructed to withhold them from sale or entry the number of acres selected from the land district is 10.248 No reports have been received from the Commissioners appointed in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin land district it is deemed important that the selection of the university lands should be made at an early day in order that good selections may be made it is to be expected that the choice lands will be entered in the different land districts and the selection of these lands may have to be made from the refuse tracts if the locations are affirmed

I would respectfully invite the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the propriety of appointing by law a Territorial Geologist Much good I think might result from the appointment of a competent individual to that office throughout the Territory and particularly in the Mining region of Country the result of his examinations reported to the Legislative Assembly annually and published would tend to circulate throughout the Union a knowledge of the great natural advantages and resources of Wisconsin and would embrace the discoveries of ores which have been made in the Mining region the location of those discoveries the peculiar formation of the strata above below and in which said ores occur is formation as the formation would accumulate from those examinations they would be sanctioned the knowledge of the mineral wealth be increased and this Liberal munificence

I have therefore in my message expressed my views fully as to the justice and propriety of asking appropriations from Congress for the improvement of the Navigation of Rock River this river may be made the great connecting link in the Chain of Water Communication between the waters of the Mississippi and those of Lake Michigan by the contemplated Canal at Dixon I deem of the first importance and must have been considered so by Congress from the liberal appropriations made by that body in land to aid in its Completion and no good reason can be assigned Why Congress should not be equally liberal in granting donations in Lands for the improvement of the Navigation of the Mississippi & Rock River and uniting the waters of those rivers by a short Canal at the portage as well as for the improvement of the Pecatonica and Plat rivers small appropriations by Congress in lands would produce the most beneficial results on the future growth and prosperity of the Territory besides the lands would be greatly enhanced in value on the assent given improved Memorials asking appropriations from Congress for the Construction of harbours on the shores of Lake Michigan have been forwarded by the Legislative Assembly annually Since the organization of the Territorial Government I respectfully recommend your early action as the present is a short Session of Congress on this important subject I will Submit my views at this time in relation to harbours as opportunity offered on a former occasion The reports of the engineer employed to make the necessary Surveys for this purpose embrace Such accurate topographical information as to enable Congress to determine the points best fitted for such improvements and the amount of the appropriations necessary for the execution of the work due regard should be had in the selection of the points to the Commercial facilities required at each and the growth of the Surrounding Country within a short period of time more than a Million of dollars have been received into the Land office at Milwaukee from the Sales of the public lands from this fact and of that of the very small appropriations made by Congress for harbours or other improvements on our lake border who can fail to observe the great inequality which prevails in the distribution of Government favours for the protection of the Commerce on our Coast Millions are expended in the erection of Breakwaters &c. while for the want of harbours on this Lake vessels are Compelled to encounter the severest gales during the autumnal Season with little expectation of being able to outride the storm and it is a well established fact that the Commerce which has sprung up on Lake Michigan has increased in a ratio far exceeding that of any other of the waters of the United States the liberality of the Government has heretofore been to afford every facility to its Commerce by Removing as much as possible the dangers of Navigation and the enterprising Citizen who have emigrated to our Lake Shore have a reasonable right to expect that the same facilities will be continued to them which have been afforded to other portions of the Union

Memorials have been annually forwarded to Congress from the Legislative Assembly since the organization of the Territorial Government Calling their attention to the justice and propriety of granting the minors pre emption rights to their mineral lots which they purchase by discovery or purchase under a permission of the Superintendant of the United States lead mines

That miners have strong claims on the justice and a ~~libe~~ liberality of Congress is apparent to all just and reasonable men they settle the mining region by the expansion and enterprise of the Govern ment they have had in peace and in war to encounter all the difficulties and trouble incident to the settlement of new Countries and by their industry enterprise and bravery have been the means of exploring and testing the advantages of the most valuable mineral region in the United States I would respectfully recommend your early attention action on this subject as well as the propriety of asking Congress to extend the right of preemption to actual Settlers who are located on mining actions made by the superintendant of the United States Lead mines for Smelting purposes as well as the actual Settlers on the lands located for the Half breed Winnebagoes under the treaty of 1829 which claims has been relocated under the instructions of the Government

In answer to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of the amount of money appropriated by Congress for the use of the Territory since its organization I have received the statement required certified by the Register of the Treasury which is submitted for your information

The Indians on our extreme frontier appear peaceably disposed the Winnebagoes were removed to the west bank of the Mississippi in June last I anticipated however a great unwillingness on their part to occupy their Country generally called the Neutral Country they appear to entertain a dread from the attacks of the Sacs and Foxes and it will require a strong mounted force to keep the Winnebagoes from returning to the east side of the Mississippi to the Country North of the Wisconsin river I talked recently held at Menards Point with some of the Portage Chiefs they expressed a great desire to be permitted not to leave the Mississippi for fear as they stated of an attack from their enemies the Sacs and Foxes I have no doubt many of the Portage Indians will return to their old haunts North of the Wisconsin and will have to be removed again next spring There is one Company of the United States Dragoons stationed at Fort Crawford for the purpose of collecting and forming an escort for the removal of the Winnebagoes West I have no doubt that every thing that can be done will be done by the Gen Brooks Commanding officer at Fort Crawford with the disposable force of under his Command to keep the Winnebagoes within the limits of their Country west of the Mississippi and to restrain them from Committing depredations on the property of the Sacs Foxes

I submit for the information of the Legislative Assembly the satisfactory reports of the Adjutant General showing the present State of the organization of the Militia of the Territory as well as the suggestions made in the report as to changes in the present laws for the government of the Militia which I recommend to your favourable Consideration

In conclusion fellow Citizens I trust a spirit of harmony will govern your intercourse in your legislative duties and that nothing will arise to prevent that union of feeling and Concert of action so necessary to advance the happiness and prosperity of the people of Wisconsin and I supplicate the supreme ruler of the Universe

Do to direct your celebrations that they may commence at three o'clock in the morning

Byron Kemy. Lodge.

January 7th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Dodge by and with the advice and consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows

In the County of Racine

Elisha S. Gale
Ezra Benchard
Seth Warner
Peter L. Augimmir
Eleazer Everitt
Sidney S. Derbyshire
Chauncey Kellog
Hiram Ball
Oscar F. Dana — Notary Public

In the County of Walworth

Jasper Griggs
William Phoenix
Joseph Powers.
John Tutshiron

} Justices of the peace

Levi S. L. Parish Justice of the peace for Iowa County

January 9th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved a bill from the House of Representatives as follows.

An Act relating to the time when the laws passed at the Session of the Legislature Assembly of Wisconsin Territory of 1840 and 1841 shall take effect

On this day his Excellancy Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows.

Samuel Ryan Auctioneer for Brown County
John Hutton Auctioneer for Iowa County
John Mann and Barker Fairchild Justices of the Peace for the County of Dane

January 11th 1841.

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved a Memorial to Congress for the Construction of harbours on the western shore of Lake Michigan and returned the same to the House of Representatives

January 12th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge issued Commissions of and with the advice and Consent of the Council as follows

John Vanvoy Justice of the peace for the County of Iowa
John S. Haight Benjamin Munkers William Dale A. B. Randall John L. Lewis Luther Parker John Brank Lucian Botsford John S. Rockwell and John Ervin Justices of the peace for Milwaukee County this appointment to take effect from and after 15th instant

Porter Harrison and Emanuel Caulkert to be Auctioneers and
Seumare P. Cleary Notary Public for the County of Milwaukee
The bond of Henry B Dousle as Notary Public for the County of Racine
was this day approved and filed

January 13th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved
resolutions from the Council as follows
Resolution relative to the Survey of the Public Lands within the Territory
Also an act and Memorial from House of Representatives viz
An act to Create the town of Richmond in the County of Walworth
and the town of Eagle in Milwaukee County and
Memorial to Congress for the improvement of Certain rivers

January 14th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved
a Memorial to Congress on the subject of the Western boundary line
of Wisconsin Territory from the House of Representatives

January 15th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved
the following from the Council Viz
An act changing the boundary line of Certain Counties
An act for the relief of Josiah Snow
Resolution Relative to adjournments and
Memorial to Congress for the Construction and survey of a railway from
Lake Michigan to the river Mississippi

January 16th 1841.

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and
approved a Memorial of the Legislative Assembly on behalf of the
settlers upon the even Sections reserved by the United States by the law granting
a quantity of land to aid in the Construction of the Milwaukee and
Rock River Canal

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge by and with the
advice and Consent of the Council found Commissions as follows
Ira Jones Justice of the peace for the County of Rock
Benjamin N Moore } Justices of the peace } for the County of Brown
George McWilliams }
Satterlee Clark Jun Notary Public
John G Barstow } Justices of the peace } for the County of Grant
Thomas Wilkins }
James Lurby Notary Public
For the County of Crawford James M Lockwood Judge of Probate
Alvin Bailie Justice of the peace John G Lockwood Public Administrator
Xavier Clark Auctioneer and
Charles S Lawrence District Attorney

January 16th 1841

Also by and with the advice and Consent of the Council Commissioned in the Second regiment of Militia as follows

Samuel Ryan Colonel
Charles Fuller Lieutenant Colonel and
Samuel Swain Major

January 21st 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Lodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows

Joseph. C. Knapp. Adjutant
Edward. D. Filer Quarter Master } Fourth Company

Ben. C. Eastman Justice of the peace for the County of Grant
Winston Blake Francis A. Potter Abraham Finch Niles Jones. Charles Rockwell and Samuel Jones Justices of the peace for the County of Jefferson
David Hoggle and Daniel. F. Kimball Supreme Court Commissioners for the County of Rock

January 23rd 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Lodge examined and approved bills from the Council as follows

An act to prescribe the number duties and Compensation of the officers of the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes
An act to provide for Compensation of the present officers of the Legislative Assembly

January 25th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Lodge examined and approved memorial and bill from the House of Representatives as follows.
An act relating to fines and forfeitures and
A Memorial to Congress to extend the Jurisdiction of Justices of the peace
The resignation of Henry Jones as Justice of the peace for the County of Brown was this day received and filed

January 26th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Lodge examined and approved bills from the House of Representatives as follows.
An Act to provide for a special election in the town of Burlington in the County of Racine

January 27th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Lodge examined and approved a Memorial for an appropriation to improve the rapids of the Mississippi from the House of Representatives
On this day his Excellancy Governor Lodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council issued Commissions as follows.
Henry Merrell and David Merrell Justices of the peace for the County of Brown
Peter V Turner Justice of the peace for Milwaukee County

January 29th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council gave Commissions as follows
William Houghton and Gaylord Graves Justice of the peace for the County of Walworth
John S. Rockwell Colonel
John Corbin Lieutinant Colonel } Third Regiment

January 29th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved the following from the House of Representatives
An act relative to the duties of the Secretary of the Territory
Resolution Relative to the University lands
Memorial to Congress relative to School Lands and
Memorial to Congress relative to preemption rights to Mineral and other lands

Feburary 1st 1840

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge approved the bond of Leonard P Creary Commissioned Notary Public for the County of Milwaukee and filed the same

Feburary 3rd 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council gave Commissions as follows. Viz
George F. Markley
William M. Dennis } Dep Court Commissioners for Jefferson County
William M Hemms Justice of the peace
William Griffith John Cain Justice Sutherland and Hiram C Bigham Justices of the peace for Green County
Abrl. L. Knight Lieutenant Colonel
Henry H. Coe Junior Major
E. G. Dyer Surgeon
Edward D. Hugemin Paymaster
Solomon Bloud Surgeons Mate } Fourth Regiment

Feburary 5th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved an act to amend an act to provide for the punishment of offences against private property from the House of Representatives and an act to establish the rate of toll for grooving from the Council

Feburary 6th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge examined and approved an act to legalize the official acts of Thomas McCaig "and" Memorial to Congress on the Subject of the State of public lands north of the Wisconsin River from the Council

February 8th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge accompanied and approved an act to restrain pedlars and other persons from trading without licence returned it to the Council

February 9th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Dodge accompanied and approved bills of Council as follows

An Act relating to Sheriffs

An act declaring Rock River Navigable for certain purposes and

An Act to amend an act entitled an Act Concerning Grand and petit Jurors and an act entitled an act to provide for the trial of Criminal Cases

Also the following from the House of Representatives

An Act to incorporate the Village of "South Port" and"

Memorial to Congress for an appropriation for the survey of certain roads therein Named

February 10th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council made appointments as follows

William B Vineyard Justice of the peace for Iowa County

Joseph R Thomas and Eleazar Wales Justices of the peace for Milwaukee County and

John Millett Judge of Probate
Levi Ostrander Justice of the peace } Washington County

February 12th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge approved and Signed bills of the House of Representatives as follows

An Act supplementary to the several Acts relating to the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal

An Act to annex a part of the town of Pleasant Parairie to the town of Southport

An act to annex the town of Watertown in the County of Jefferson and to establish the town of Union "and"

Memorial to Congress for the relief of John Hood

February 13th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge approved and Signed bills from the Council as follows

An Act to incorporate the Village of Racine

Also the following from the House of Representatives

An act to provide for the payment of the Legislative Assembly expenses and for other purposes.

An act to authorize Daniel M Haramath to erect and maintain a dam across the south Channel of the Menomonee river and for other purposes.

February 13th 1841

An Act relating to the duties of the register of deeds of the Counties Sheboygan and Manitowoc

Resolutions relative to the North eastern boundary of the Territory

Memorial to Congress relative to appropriations for defraying the expences of the Legislative Assembly and of the Courts of the Territory

Passed this day by and with the advice and consent of the Council Commissions as follows

Edward Elderkin Master in Chancery } Walworth County
Morris T. Hawes Justice of the peace }

For the County of Racine

Orsbee S. Jackson Moses M. Emerson and Albert G. Northway Justices of the Peace

Elijah Hale Isaac Hopkinson & Lewis Royce Notaries Public

Joseph N. Dunton Auctioneer

For the County of Iowa

John P Sheldon Justice of the peace

Adam E. Ray Major of the third Regiment
Maria Tenley Quarter Master do.
Levi Blossom Jun Pay Master do.
A. L. Castleman Surgeon do.
T. C. Pomeroy Surgeons Mate do.

Jonathan Loughery Captain
Timothy L. Clark 1st Lieutenant } Company 7 (L.)
Presly N. Ray 2nd Lieutenant

Franklin G. Morgan Captain } Company 7 (E)
Publius V. Monroe 2nd Lieutenant }

Isaac C. Lovonis Captain
Joseph A. Plumb 1st Lieutenant } Company 7 (F)
John M Ivis 2nd Lieutenant }

Martin Field Captain
Nicholas Hayes 1st Lieutenant } Company 7 (G.)
Jonathan Parsons 2nd Lieutenant }

Taylor Meacham Captain
Henry Bonnivell 1st Lieutenant } Comp. 7 (I)
A. M. Clark 2nd Lieutenant }

Erastus L. Phillips 1st Lieut Comp. (K)
Stephen Hannur 2nd Lieutenant Comp. (H)

Third Regiment

In the fourth Regiment

Elias D. Capron Captain
James C. Bartlett 1st Lieutenant } first Company
Benjamin Pratt 2nd Lieutenant }

Albert D Loomis Captain
Richard B. Vinson 1st Lieutenant } fourth Company
George M. Hollins 2nd Lieutenant }

Charles G. Cotting Captain
Horatio C. Frain 1st Lieutenant } fifth Company
Stanton L. Hannur 2nd Lieutenant }

Loran C. Hoff Captain of Smith Company.

February 15th 1841

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge appointed Isaac Clark Esqr appointed Notary Public for Brown County.

February 16th 1841

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council found Commissions as follows.

Mahlon Blaker George Myer and David Brigham Justices of the peace for Dane County

Samuel A Farnsworth Evander M. Soper and Meram McDonald Justices of the peace for Brown County and Counties attached for Judicial purposes.

John S. Mead Auctioneer for Brown County

Alexander La Bord Auctioneer for Tonnalee County

John N Arndt Notary Public for Brown County

Jean Baptiste Lysaint Dit Barrans and Alvah E. Rogers Justices of the Peace for Crawford County

Thomas C Tilberton Master in Chancery for St Croix County

Thomas C Tulberton Notary Public

John P Dixon John N. Bicknell (Bicknell) and Isaac E Carlisle Justices of the peace for the County of Rock

Nazen Clancy and John N Hackett Notaries Public in the County of Milwaukee

Darius Shadwick Sylvester N Lumbar and Franklin L. Morgan Justices of the peace

In the Militia Battalion No 5

Joseph R Brown Major

Nazen Moore Captain Joseph Haskell 1st Lieutenant Jas R Elwitt 2nd Lieutenant Second Company

George Walker Captain Isaac Taylor 1st Lieutenant Ralph C. Tuttle 2nd Lieutenant Second Company.

Jeremiah Russell Captain William Dibble 1st Lieutenant ——— Cannon 2nd Lieutenant Third Company

February 17th 1841.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge encamined and approved Council Bills as follows

An Act to incorporate the Fox and Wisconsin Steam Boat Company and

An act to provide for the support of illegitimate Children

Also Bills from the House of Representatives as follows

An act to annex Peter Howard from his wife Sarah Howard and to change the Name of Said Howard

February 18th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge by and with the advice and Consent of the Council spoke Communications as follows

Miram. M. Leonard inspector of provisions &c. for the County of Portage

Also spoke Bills from the House of Representatives viz

An act to provide for the government of the several towns in this Territory and the revision of County government

An act to amend an act entitled an act to change the time of holding Courts in the Second Judicial District

Resolution relative to arming the Militia of the Territory

Joint resolution relating to the public printing and

Resolution to provide for the sale and distribution of the Territorial Maps

Also spoke Council bills as follows

An Act to enlarge the boundaries of Portage County and other purposes

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the support of Common Schools and for other purposes

This day spoke Communications as follows by and with the advice and Consent of the Council viz

Duncan A. Lapham Chief Engineer of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal

Benjamin Nute Justice of the peace for the County of Jefferson

Hard. G. McLinder and Elisha Kinney Justices of the peace for the County of Milwaukee

February 19th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge also spoke Council Bills as follows

An act to incorporate the trustees of the Prairie Ville Academy

An act to incorporate the trustees of the Milwaukee Educational institute in the town of Milwaukee

An act supplemental to an act Concerning testimony and depositions

An act to incorporate the town of Platteville

Also bills from the House of Representatives as follows

An act prescribing the term of office of certain County officers and for other purposes

An act to incorporate the town of Potosi in the County of Grant and for Other purposes

An Act Supplementary to an act entitled an act relating to the Militia

An Act to provide for the Completion of the Capitol at Madison

An Act to lay out and establish certain territorial roads therein named

An Act in addition to an act entitled an act supplementary to the several acts in relation to the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal

Resolutions relating to the fiscal agency of Moses M Strong

An Act to incorporate the Madison Typographical Society

An Act to authorize Nym P Owen and others to build and maintain a dam across Rock River and for other purposes

An Act to authorize the Construction of a towing path from the western termination of the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal to Jefferson

an act supplementary to several acts relating to afforsing and collecting County revenues

February 19th 1841

Also approved Council bills as follows

An Act to incorporate the Western Mutual Fire Insurance Company at Parairie au Chain and the Howard Fire Insurance of the County of Brown

An Act supplementary to the act to incorporate the Village of Racine

An Act relative to trunks baggage and other unclaimed personal property

An Act limiting the writ of error and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Legislative Assembly therein named.

Resolution authorizing the Treasurer of Territory to pay certain Drafts of the adjutant General

Resolution relative to the removal of the territorial Library

Also approved House of Representatives bills as follows

an act to amend an act of the revised Statutes of Wisconsin Territory entitled an act Concerning Judgements and executions

An Act to incorporate Medical Societies and to promote Medical Science

An act to change the name of the town of Kenosha Kenosha

An act in relation to Courts of equity

An act to amend an act entitled An act for assessing and Collecting County revenues

An Act relating to the board of Commissioners of the County of Washington.

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Green to procure Copies of Certain records from the records of Milwaukee and Iowa Counties and to require the register of deeds of Milwaukee County to procure Copies of Certain records from the Office of the Register of deeds of Brown County

Resolution to abolish the Office of Fiscal agent

Joint Resolution relative to the printing of the laws passed at the present and August Session of the Legislative Assembly and the decisions of the Supreme Court

Passed this day by and with the advice and Consent of the Council

Commission of Major of the fourth independent battalion to Edward B Foster

February 25th 1841

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge approved bond of R. P. Reans Treasurer of the Territory for $10.000 under the act to provide for the Completion of the Capitol at Madison

March 2nd 1841.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge appointed Ira P. Hazeldine of the County of Iowa Commissioner to locate University Lands. within the Wisconsin Land District

March 6th 1841

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge approved bonds of Elijah Hale Commissioner Notary Public of the County of Racine for the faithful performance of his duties in said office

The letter of resignation of Horace White dated 25th ult appointed Judge of Probate for the County of Rock was this day received accepted and filed

March 10th 1841.

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge received and accepted the resignation of Mr Reaham as Auditor of the Territory Commissioned the following persons this day to hold their offices respectively until the end of the next Session of the Legislative ~~Assembly~~ Council Viz

Charles C. Thorn Auditor of the Territory
Israel C Chaney Judge of Probate for Rock County
Charles Gear Justices of the peace for Iowa County

March 15th 1841

On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge approved bond of John Nuttis appointed by Legislative Assembly Register of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal

February 18th 1841

Francis J Dunn who was commissioned by the President of the United States of America, Secretary of Wisconsin Territory on this day took and subscribed the following oath

Territory of Wisconsin } ss
~~Dane~~ County } This day personally appeared before me Francis J Dunn and makes solemn oath that he will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Secretary of Wisconsin Territory & that he will support the Constitution of the United States. This the 18th day of February AD 1841

Francis J. Dunn

I William R Seymour a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Dane and Territory of Wisconsin aforesaid do hereby certify that on the 18th day of February AD 1841. Francis J Dunn whose name is subscribed to the above oath appeared before me and subscribed the same after which I solemnly administered the above oath to him.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of February AD 1841

Wm R Seymour Justice of the Peace

April 8th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Dodge Commissioned and appointed Lyman Crossman Justice of the Peace for the County of Rock until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council Morris Fermin Commissioned and appointed Justice of the Peace for the County of Dodge until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

March 15th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Dodge executed Certificates of Stock issued in Conformity with the act Supplementary to the act to provide for aiding in the Construction of the Milwaukee & Rock River Canal of One Thousand Dollars each Numbered from one to Six hundred inclusive and bearing an interest of Seven percent per annum payable Semi Annually and delivered the Same to Samuel A Scoles Engineer of said Canal to be handed over to Byron Kilbourn of Milwaukee at Columbus Ohio appointed Agent to Obtain Said Stock on the receipt from him of the Certificates issued on the 13th March 1840

Issued a power of attorney to said Kilbourn as follows

To all to whom these presents Shall Come Greeting

Know ye that in pursuance of the authority vested in me by an act of Congress entitled an act to grant a quantity of Land to the Territory of Wisconsin for the purpose of aiding in the opening a Canal to Connect the waters of Lake Michigan with those of Rock River passed June 18th 1838 and also by an act of the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory entitled an act to provide for aiding in the Construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal approved February 13th 1839 and an act entitled an act Supplementary to the several acts relating to the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal approved February 12th 1841 I Henry Dodge Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin have appointed and by these presents do appoint Byron Kilbourn Esqr of the town of Milwaukee Wisconsin Territory the agent of said Territory for the purpose of obtaining a loan of One hundred thousand Dollars for a period of time Not less than ten nor more than twenty years and at a rate of interest not exceeding Seven per Centum per annum payable Semi Annually according to the provisions of the act aforesaid

And be it known that for the purpose of procuring said loan I have executed and delivered to the said Byron Kilbourn one hundred Certificates of Stock for the sum of one thousand Dollars each to which my name and the great Seal of the Territory has been affixed bearing date the fifteenth day of March A.D. 1841 and Signed by James I Lucas Secretary of the Territory in which Certificates the name or Names of the person or persons to whom the same shall be due and payable as also the time and place when the principal shall be rendered are left in blank which blanks the said Byron Kilbourn is hereby authorized & empowered to fill in such manner as shall correspond with the loan which may be made by the said Byron Kilbourn

And be it known further that the said Byron Kilbourn is hereby authorized and empowered upon receiving from any per-

or persons a certificate of the Cashier of any of the safety fund banks of the State of New York that he or they have deposited with the said Cashier any specific amount of Money subject to the Order of the Receiver of the Canal funds as Mentioned in said last aforesaid act to deliver over to such person or persons so many of the Certificates aforesaid as shall not exceed in amount the same Capacities

And be it Known further that all the acts of the said Byron Kilbourn done and performed in pursuance of the authority herein vested and of the acts of Congress and of the acts of the Legislative Assembly aforesaid shall be binding and obligatory upon the Territory of Wisconsin according to the provisions of the aforesaid acts

In testimony whereof and pursuant to the Authority granted by the Acts before referred to I Henry Dodge Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed

Done at Mineral Point this fifteenth day of March A.D. 1841

By the Governor
Francis J Lumm
Secretary of Wisconsin Territory

Henry Dodge

On this day his Excellency Henry Dodge Governor of Wisconsin Territory appointed the following persons Justices of the Peace for the several Counties as follows.

Orange C Chaney Judge of Probate for Rock County to hold his Commission until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Assembly

Charles C. Stoates Master of the Territory Commissioner to expire at the end of the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

Charles Dear Justice of the Peace for Iowa County Commissioner to expire at the end of the next Session of the Legislative Assembly

March 2nd 1841

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge appointed John P. Sheldon of Iowa County Wisconsin Territory Commissioner to Locate without delay within the Wisconsin Land District for the permanent support of an Asylum for the Insane a quantity of Land not exceeding

April 8th 1841

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge approved the bond of John N Tweedy appointed Register of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal given for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

Also approved bond of Louis Bogee appointed Notary Public for the County of Racine

This day Issued Commissions of Justices of the Peace as follows.

April 12th 1841

On this day his Excellency Governor Dodge appointed Samuel B. Conover a Justice of the peace for the County of Iowa to hold his office until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

April 16th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Lodge appointed James Vowles Justice of the peace in and for the County of Green to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council

Approved bond of Isaac Hopkinson appointed Notary Public of Racine County

April 20th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Lodge approved bond of Oscar F Lana Commissioner Notary Public for Racine County

Also Bond of Geo N Walker elected acting Commissioner of Milwaukee and Rock River Canal

May 5th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Lodge Commissioned William A Prentice Master in Chancery for the County of Milwaukee to hold his office until the end of the next session of the Legislative Council

May 6th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Lodge received and accepted the resignation of David Brigham as District Attorney for the County of Dane

Issued Commission to John Catlin Esqr for the Office of District Attorney for the County of Dane to hold the same until the end of the next Session of the Legislative Council

May 12th 1841

On this day his Excellancy Governor Lodge received and accepted the following resignations of Officers of Company F. First Regiment of Wisconsin Militia

Cromwell Lloyd Captain
Amiza Ormsby First Lieutenant
Benjamin Crawford Second Lieutenant

May 13th 1841

On this day His Excellancy Governor Lodge found a power of attorney to Byron Kilbourn as follows.

To all to whom these presents shall Come Greeting

Know Ye that in pursuance of the authority vested in me by an act of Congress entitled an act to grant a quantity of land to the Territory of Wisconsin for the purpose of aiding in opening a canal to connect the waters of Lake Michigan with those of Rock River passed June 18th 1838 and also by an act of the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory entitled an act to provide for aiding in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal approved February 18th 1839 and an act entitled an act supplementary to the several acts relating to the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal approved February 12th 1841 I. Henry Lodge Governor of the Territory of Wisconsin have appointed Byron Kilbourn Esqr of the town of Milwaukee in said Territory agent for the purpose of obtaining a loan of One hundred thousand dollars for a period of time not less than ten nor more than twenty years and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per centum per annum payable an-

Annually according to the provisions of the Acts aforesaid Now
be it known that for the purpose of procuring Said loan I have
executed and delivered to the said Byron McCarver one hundred
Certificates of Stock for the sum of five thousand dollars each to which
my name and the great seal of the Territory have been affixed
bearing date the fifteenth day of March A.D. 1841 and signed by
Francis J. Dunn Secretary of Wisconsin Territory in which Certificate
the name or names of the person or persons to whom the same shall
be due and payable as also the time and place when and when
the principal of said loan shall be reimbursable are left in
blank which blanks the said agent is hereby authorized and
empowered to fill in such manner as shall correspond with the
loan which may be made by the said agent and be it known further
that the said agent is hereby authorized and empowered upon receiv-
ing from any person or persons a Certificate of the Cashier of either
of the safety fund banks in the State of New York or any specie paying
bank or banks with which the said agent shall have deposited with
the said Cashier any specific amount of Money subject to the order of
the Trustees of the Canal funds as mentioned in the 4th section aforesaid act
to deliver over to such person or persons so many of the Certificates aforesaid
as shall not exceed in amount the sum so deposited And be it known
further that all the acts of the said Byron McCarver done and performed
in pursuance of the Authority herein vested and of the acts of
Congress and of the Legislative Assembly of Canada shall be binding and
obligatory upon the Territory of Wisconsin according to the provisions
of the aforesaid acts

In testimony whereof and pursuant to the authority
granted by the acts before referred to I Henry Dodge Governor
of the said Territory of Wisconsin have hereunto set my
hand and Caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed
Done at Mineral Point this thirteenth day of May
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
forty one and of the independence of the United States
the sixty fifth

By the Governor
Francis J. Dunn
Secretary of the Territory

Henry Dodge

May 15th 1841
On this day His Excellency Governor Dodge Received and
accepted the resignation of Elam Nichols as Lieutenant Colonel
of the 1st Regiment of Wisconsin Militia